

LICENSING AND REGULATION COMMITTEE

7 August 2006

Attendance:

Councillors:

Mather (Chairman) (P)

Baxter
Berry
Howell (P)
Hammerton (P)
Izard
Johnston (P)
Love (P)

Pearce (P)
Ruffell
Sutton (P)
Wagner (P)
Weston
Wood (P)
Wright

Deputy Members in Attendance:

Councillor Read (Standing Deputy for Councillor Weston)
Councillor Verney (Standing Deputy for Councillor Baxter)

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Baxter, Berry, Izard, Ruffell, Weston and Wright.

2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no statements made or questions asked.

3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 8 June 2006 be approved and adopted.

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no questions asked or statements made.

5. **GAMBLING ACT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES – CONSULTATION DRAFT**

(Report LR194 refers)

The City Secretary and Solicitor stated that although the Gambling Act was unlikely to have a significant impact on the Authority, the Council was required to adopt a Statement of Principles in any event. The Statement would set out the principles which the Council would apply as the Licensing Authority in exercising its functions under the Act.

The City Secretary and Solicitor explained that the draft Statement of Principles included a scheme of delegation which mirrored the scheme set up for the Licensing Act 2003. He continued that there had not been any applications for super casinos received so far and added that the majority of applications anticipated would relate to gaming machines. He also added that under the new Act, existing permits for gaming machines in takeaways and taxi offices would not be renewed and that, from 31 July 2009, it would be unlawful to provide fruit machines in these premises.

During discussion of the Draft Statement of Principles, it was confirmed by the City Secretary and Solicitor that alcohol and gambling applications and licences would be kept separate from each other. He added that there would be significantly fewer applications compared to the number dealt with under the Licensing Act 2003.

In response to a Member's question on door staff, the City Secretary and Solicitor explained that if door staff were provided to carry out security functions, where a SIA licence was required, the requirement for a SIA licence became a condition imposed on the premises licence. He added that Bingo Halls and Casinos were exempt from this requirement.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Draft Statement of Principles be approved for publication as a consultation draft with the following amendments:
 - i) Section 2.1 of Part A be reworded to read "The Chief Constable of Hampshire Constabulary".
 - ii) Section 2.5 of Part A be deleted as it is duplicated in section 3.2.
 - iii) Section 7 of Part A (Winchester City Council Functions) be moved to Section 1 of Part A.
 - iv) That the Winchester City Council Delegations section be left formatted instead of justified.
2. That the consultation process for the draft Statement of Principles be agreed.

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm and concluded at 7.45pm

Chairman