

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
LICENSING COMMITTEE
17 APRIL 2007 AT 6.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mr. N.B.L. DAVIS - CHAIRMAN
MR. P.R. BATTY - VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mr. J.C. Bown, Mrs. D. Finney, Mrs. S. Francks, Mr. K.A.J. Hunnybun, Mr. C.G. Joyce, Mr. M.R. Lay, Mr. D.W. Thorpe and Mr. R. Ward.

Officers in attendance: Mr. Mark Brymer, Ms. L. Horton, Mrs. P.I. Pitt and Mr. T.M. Prowse.

612 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Messrs. C.W. Boothby and M.A. Hall.

613 MINUTES (LC9)

On the motion of Mrs. Finney, seconded by Mr. Hunnybun, it was

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2007 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

614 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No interests were declared at this stage.

615 GAMBLING ACT 2005 – DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY (LC10)

Members' support was sought to changes to the proposed scheme of delegation under the above legislation. Council would be requested on 22 May 2007 to approve consequent amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Licensing Committee and to the scheme of delegation.

On the motion of Mr. Lay, seconded by Mr. Hunnybun it was

RECOMMENDED –

- (i) the Terms of Reference of the Licensing Committee, as set out in appendix A to the report of the Head of Health and Environment, be approved;
- (ii) the Head of Health and Environment and the Principal Licensing Officer be authorised to determine those applications where no representations have been received (as set out in appendix B to the report);

- (iii) the scheme of delegations set out in the Council's Constitution be amended by the addition of the following:-

'To authorise the Head of Health & Environment to enforce the provisions of the Gambling Act, 2005, either generally or specifically, in accordance with the Act, relevant statutory guidance and/or codes of practice, and to authorise persons in accordance with Section 304 of the Act.'

'To authorise the Head of Health & Environment to act on behalf of the Licensing Authority as a Responsible Authority under section 157 of the Gambling Act 2005'; and

- iv) the amendments to the Council's Constitution be recommended to Council for ratification on 22 May 2007.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Chairman thanked Members of the Committee, particularly those who had chaired Licensing Panel meetings, for their hard work and support and paid tribute to all officers involved in the licensing process.

(The meeting closed at 6.33 p.m.)

Handed out to Members at the conclusion of the meeting were details of guidance received from LACORS with regard to Delegations and Premises Licence Fees under the Gambling Act 2005.