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Dyddiad/Date: Wednesday, 18 May 2016

Dear Councillor,

LICENSING COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Licensing Committee will be held in the Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend on
Tuesday, 24 May 2016 at 10.00 am.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
To receive apologies for absence from Members.
2. Declarations of Interest
To receive declarations of personal and prejudicial interest (if any) from Members/Officers in accordance with the provisions of the Members Code of Conduct adopted by Council from 1 September 2008.
3. Approval of Minutes 3 - 4
To receive for approval the minutes of the Licensing Committee dated 11 December 2015
4. Appointment of Licensing Sub-Committee(s) 5 - 6
5. Urgent Items
To consider any other item(s) of business in respect of which notice has been given in accordance with Rule 4 of the Council Procedure Rules and which the person presiding at the meeting is of the opinion should by reason of special circumstances be transacted at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

Yours faithfully

P A Jolley

Corporate Director Operational and Partnership Services

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Councillors

E Venables
R Williams
RM James
D Patel

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE HELD IN CIVIC OFFICES,
ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND ON FRIDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2015 AT 10.00 AM

Present

Councillor R Williams – Chairperson

GW Davies MBE	E Dodd	CJ James	P James
RD Jenkins	PN John	B Jones	DRW Lewis
JE Lewis	HE Morgan	DG Owen	E Venables

Officers:

Yvonne Witchell	-	Licensing and Registration Officer
Andrea Lee	-	Legal Officer
Mark Galvin	-	Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees

13. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the following Member for the reason so stated:-

Councillor P Davies – Prior commitment

14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

15. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Committee dated 29 September 2015 be approved as a true and accurate record.

16. GAMBLING ACT 2005 - STATEMENT OF LICENSING PRINCIPLES 2016 - 2019

The Assistant Chief Executive – Legal and Regulatory Services submitted a report, which advised the Committee of the report that would be referred to both Cabinet and Council, seeking approval of the Council's Statement of Licensing Principles for gambling premises to cover the period 2016-2019, a draft of which was attached at Appendix A to the report.

The report gave some background information, and the Licensing and Registration Officer shared information with Members regarding this, following which, she explained that the Statement of Licensing principles had been re-drafted to reflect changes to the Fifth Edition of the Guidance published by the Gambling Commission, as well as an update to the Council's proposed corporate priorities. In addition, there were minor updates to the policies relating to motorway service area premises etc, at Section 3.1 of the report, and to provisional applications which were set out in Section 3.9.1 of the report.

In addition, an Officer review of current premises and complaints was undertaken to establish if there were any local or area-based concerns which would merit a change of policy. Seven complaints were received in the three year period preceding the review, the majority of which related to the siting of machines in non-authorized premises, but no

trends or area specific concerns have been identified. As a result, no major policy changes were proposed at this time, but the authority may review its Gambling Policy at any time should local circumstances change.

The Licensing and Registration Officer then referred to the sub-paragraph entitled Social Responsibility (ie para 4.3), and the fact that the Gambling Commission was responsible for publishing the general licence conditions and codes of practice, and that certain new conditions had been introduced, the majority of which came into effect in May 2015, with further provisions coming into effect in April 2016. These related to licensees being required to assess the local risks to the licensing objectives posed by the provision of gambling facilities at each of their premises, and to have policies, procedures and control measures in place to mitigate those risks. The proposed amendments were set out in Section 3, Appendix A and identified the issues which the Council would expect operators to address within risk assessments.

In addition, she explained that the responses from the consultation were as detailed in paragraphs 4.4 of the report.

These were from The Campaign for Fairer Gambling (CFG), who had proposed that the maximum stake be reduced to £2 along with other measures to mitigate problem gambling.

A summary of the concerns forwarded to the Council were attached at Appendix B to the report, whilst Appendix C contained a response from Grosschalks Solicitors, who had submitted a response on behalf of the Association of British Bookmakers (ABB).

This response raised a number of points relating to the draft statement which were dealt with both in the report and the Draft Statement of Principles.

The Licensing and Registration Officer then responded to a number of routine questions from Members, following which the Committee

RESOLVED

That the report be noted, as well as the proposed amendments to the Statement of Licensing Principles which would in turn be forwarded to Cabinet for information purposes, and to Council for formal approval.

17. URGENT ITEMS

None.

The meeting closed at 11.06 am

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO LICENSING COMMITTEE

24 MAY 2016

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR OPERATIONAL AND PARTNERSHIP SERVICES

APPOINTMENT OF LICENSING SUB- COMMITTEE(S)

1. Purpose of Report.

- 1.1 To propose the membership of the Licensing Committee Sub-Committees following the Annual Meeting of Council 2016.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives/Other Corporate Priorities

- 2.1 The proposals are required to effectively discharge the functions of the authority in respect of general licensing applications, the majority of which relate to taxi licensing. The range of functions is set out within the Council's Constitution in Part 3 Responsibility for Functions relating to the Licensing Committee and Sub-Committees. These functions include taxi licensing, street trading, and other general licensing regimes as required. A separate report is being submitted in respect of Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005 functions.

3. Background.

- 3.1 At their meeting on 18 May 2016 Council received a report establishing the membership of the Licensing Act 2003 Committee and the Licensing Committee.

4. Current situation / proposal.

- 4.1 It is proposed that the Licensing Committee continue with the existing arrangements and approve the formation of two panels sitting on a rota basis each consisting of seven Members of the Licensing Committee and chaired by the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Licensing Committee where possible.
- 4.2 In the event that the Chair or Vice Chair are not able to attend their respective sub-committee meeting, a chair will be elected from those in attendance.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules.

5.1 The report content has no direct effect upon the Policy Framework and Procedure Rules.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 There are no equality implications arising from this report.

7. Financial Implications.

7.1 There are no financial implications to the proposals.

8. Recommendations

8.1 The Committee is recommended to:

8.2 Approve the formation of two panels sitting on a rota basis each consisting of seven Members of the Licensing Committee and chaired by the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Licensing Committee where possible. In the event that the Chair or Vice Chair are not able to attend their respective subcommittee meeting, a chair will be elected from those in attendance. These Licensing Sub-Committees will undertake licensing functions, including taxi licensing and street trading as set out in the Council's Constitution.

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18 May 2016

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Background documents

Report to Council 18 May 2016

Council Constitution