

Minutes

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Date:	Wednesday, 5 October 2016
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes.
Committee Members:	Councillor Angela Jacques (Chairman) Councillor Barbara Nash (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Christine Akeroyd, Frank Andrews, Keith Beckett ISO, Brenda Blackshaw, Alan Clayton, David Donaldson, Gail Goodman JP, Shirley Green, Neil Harvey, Raymond Thomas.
Other Councillors Present:	None
Officers Present:	Ian Curtis, Clare Lord, Chris Hambly, Sharon Wadsworth, Tara Walsh
Other Attendees:	Tony Baxter

1. Declarations of interest

Members were reminded that any disclosable pecuniary interests should be declared as required by the Localism Act 2011 and any personal or prejudicial interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct for Members. There were no declarations of interest.

2. Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 27 November 2015 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute members

There were no substitute members in attendance at the meeting.

Decision Items

4. Gambling Act 2005 – Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permits

Chris Hambly, Environmental Health Manager, introduced the report following the receipt of three applications from premises to increase the number of Category D machines in operation.

Mr Hambly explained that there is no statutory limit on the number of machines within categories C and D that may be installed in premises. Officers are delegated to determine requests of up to 4 machines whilst any requests for more must be determined by the Licensing Committee.

Following guidance issued by the Gambling Commission crane grabs machines, which had previously been considered to be "skill with prizes" and thus outside the Gambling Act but have now been re-designated as category D non-complex crane grab machines and now require registration.

The applications received had been from premises that had previously operated with crane grabs and were wanting to ensure compliance with the revised Guidance.

It was RESOLVED to approve the applications received from Lord Derby, Town House and Air Balloon to increase the provision of Category D machines as requested.

Information Items

5. Safeguarding and Licensing Matter

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and The Lancashire Safeguarding Children Board had recently commissioned Sigma Consultancy (Lytham) Ltd to deliver Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and Safeguarding Briefings to elected members. The presentation was delivered by Tony Baxter, a retired Detective Inspector with Lancashire Constabulary's Public Protection Unit.

The committee expressed their thanks to Mr Baxter for his presentation and to the licensing officers.

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