

Licensing Committee



Date	17 October 2006
Venue	Studio Room, Lowther Pavilion, Lytham
Committee members	Dawn Prestwich (Chairman) Christine Akeroyd (Vice-Chairman) Elizabeth Clarkson, Karen Henshaw JP, Albert Pounder, Heather Speak, Martin Taylor
Other Councillors	None
Officers	Clare Holmes, Chris Hambley, Stuart Handley, Lyndsey Lacey

1. Declarations of interest

Members were reminded that any personal/prejudicial interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct adopted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000.

2. Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Licensing Committee held on 31 May 2006 as a correct record for signature by the chairman.

3. Substitute members

Nil

4. Gambling Act 2005

Stuart Handley (Commercial and Licensing Officer) presented an updated report to the committee on the requirements of the Gambling Act 2005. In this respect, he made reference to the Council's Draft Gambling Policy Statement which had been circulated with the agenda.

Mr Handley explained that the document included a statement of principles that the licensing authority proposed to apply when exercising its functions under the Act. He added that those affected by it must be consulted as part of the process and that the council was required to publish the policy statement by 31 January 2007.

It was further reported that that the council commenced with the consultation at the beginning of June and concluded early September. A summary of the responses received together with the officer comments were included in the document.

Following discussion it was RESOLVED to:

1. To approve the draft Gambling Policy Statement as set out in the report and as amended following the consultation process.
2. To present the policy for approval by Cabinet and Full Council at their next meetings.
