

Licensing Committee



Date	31 May 2006
Venue	Town Hall, St Annes
Committee members	Dawn Prestwich (Chairman) Christine Akeroyd (Vice-Chairman) Susan Fazackerley, Karen Henshaw JP, Martin Taylor, Keith Wright
Other Councillors	None
Officers	Chris Hambley, Stuart Handley, Clare Holmes, 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

To approve the minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 1 March 2006 as a correct record for signature by the chairman.

3. Substitute members

None

4. Gambling Act 2005

Stuart Handley (Commercial and Licensing Manager) presented an updated report on the Gambling Act 2005.

Mr Handley provided members with a copy of a guide to the Gambling Act 2005, which gave an overview of the Government's proposals for the reform of the law on gambling. Members were reminded that at the last meeting of the committee, approval was given to the formulation of a draft licensing policy. A revised version of the Draft Statement of Principles was circulated at the meeting for members consideration.

The Committee was advised that prior to formal adoption and publication of the Policy, the Authority was required to go through a formal consultation process. Details of the timetable for consultation was set out in the report.

Following discussion it was RESOLVED:

- 1.To approve the Draft Statement of Principles for consultation.
- 2.To make appropriate arrangements for members of the committee to receive training on the implications of the Gambling Act 2005.
- 3.To present an updated report to committee at the conclusion of the consultation period.

5. Licensing Act 2003 - Update

Stuart Handley (Commercial and Licensing Manager) presented a report on the work undertaken by the Authority since the introduction of the Licensing Act 2003. The report highlighted the number of Personal Licences, Premises Licenses (alcohol and non-alcohol), Club Premises Certificates and Temporary Events applications that had been granted/refused together with those applications which had been subject to representations between the period of August to 30 April 2006.

Following discussion it was RESOLVED:

1. To note the report.
2. To record the Chairman's thanks and appreciation to all those concerned for the way in which the licensing hearings have been conducted.
