

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, CORKS LANE,  
HADLEIGH ON THURSDAY 5 JULY 2012

PRESENT: Mr P J Holbrook - Chairman

Mr J R B Cave	Mr J R A Sayers
Mr D G Grutchfield	Mr R C Smith
Mr P Jones	Mr B Riley

The following Members were unable to be present:

Mr M J Deacon, Mr J M Owen, Mr R W Thake, Mr A J Ward and Mr L H Young.

1 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

2 MINUTES

**RESOLVED**

**That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 June 2012 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.**

3 PETITIONS

None received.

4 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

None received.

5 GAMBLING ACT 2005: STATEMENT OF LICENSING PRINCIPLES THREE YEARLY REVISION

The Head of Environment submitted a report (Paper M47) asking Members to approve for consultation purposes the draft 'Statement of Licensing Principles' document attached as Appendix A to the report. In introducing Paper M47, the Corporate Manager – Licensing, referred to the joint working between Babergh and Mid Suffolk and across the Suffolk licensing authorities to reduce costs, maximise resources and achieve consistency of approach wherever possible. The results of the consultation would be reported to a future meeting of the Licensing and Appeals Committee, with recommendations to adopt a revised Statement being made to the full Councils of both Babergh and Mid Suffolk, by way of their respective Strategy and Executive Committees.

During the ensuing discussion, Members were advised of the availability of online information about premises licences in their Wards, and noted that they would be alerted by the licensing staff to new applications. They were aware that the licensing workload would be subject to the Tier 5 appointments and the establishment of the Operational Delivery Teams, with generic concerns about the requirements of new legislation being addressed through County-wide and other routes. Reference was also made to possible refinements to the elements of the Risk Description table, and it was noted that a minor addition was required to Schedule D to the draft Statement.

**RESOLVED**

**That the draft Gambling Act 2005 'Statement of Licensing Principles' document, attached as Appendix A to Paper M47 with the inclusion of 'football pools' in the list of lawful forms of gambling for young persons, be approved for consultation purposes. Further that the relevant officers proceed with the commencement of a period of statutory consultation in accordance with Gambling Act 2005 legislation and regulations.**

The business of the meeting was concluded at 10.10 a.m.

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Chairman