

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, CORKS LANE,
HADLEIGH ON THURSDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2012

PRESENT: Mr P J Holbrook – Chairman

Mr J R B Cave	Mr J R A Sayers
Mr M J Deacon	Mr R C Smith
Mr D G Grutchfield	Mr R W Thake
Mr P Jones	Mr A J Ward
Mr J M Owen	Mr L H Young

Mr B Riley was unable to be present:

17 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

18 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meetings held on [3 September 2012](#) (10.30 a.m.) and [4 October](#) (9.30 a.m.) be confirmed and signed as correct records.

19 PETITIONS

None received.

20 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

None received.

21 GAMBLING ACT 2005: STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES THREE YEARLY REVISION

The Corporate Manager – Licensing introduced [Paper M109](#), advising Members of a recent consultation exercise and seeking a recommendation that Council adopts the Statement of Principles attached as Appendix A to the report for the period from 31 January 2013. He explained that the Statement needed to be in place for all possible types of application, notwithstanding that Babergh currently does not licence the whole range of activities covered by the Act.

The Corporate Manager answered questions on various operational aspects of the Gambling Act, and on the Council's role which relates mainly to the licensing of premises. He also made reference to the Gambling Commission, which deals with operator licences and other areas such as on-line and off-shore betting. Members noted that there is on-going liaison between Licensing team members and the Commission, and that the Statement of Principles will, in the main, be applied County-wide across Suffolk.

Members asked the Corporate Manager to organise workshop training on the provisions of the Gambling Act and noted that because of the complexity of the legislation, a key role of his team is to give advice on individual queries about the application of the Act, particularly with regard to charity events and exemptions.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

That the Gambling Act 2005 'Statement of Principles' document (Appendix A to Paper M109) be adopted and published to take effect for the three year period from 31 January 2013.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 9.50 a.m.

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Chairman