

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE 2003 (Licensing Act 2003 Functions)

3.30PM – 2 MARCH 2006

BRIGHTON TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Lepper (Chair); Councillors Mrs Cobb, Meegan, K Norman, Pennington (Deputy Chair), Pidgeon, Mrs Simson, G Theobald, Tonks, Turner, Watkins, Williams and Young.

PART ONE

ACTION

7. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

7A. Declarations of Substitutes

7.1 Councillor K Norman substituted for Councillor Hyde.
Councillor Young substituted for Councillor Older.

7B. Declarations of Interest

7.2 There were none.

7C. Exclusion of Press and Public

7.3 The Committee considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of any items contained in the agenda, having regard to the nature of the business to be transacted and the nature of the proceedings and the likelihood as to whether, if members of the press and public were present, there would be disclosure to them of confidential or exempt information as defined in Section 100A(3) or 100 1 of the Local Government Act 1972.

7.4 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public not be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any of the items on the agenda.

8. MINUTES

8.1 **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 January 2006 be approved and signed by the Chair.

9. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

9.1 There were none.

10. GAMBLING ACT 2005 TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

10.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment, which set out the transitional arrangements for implementation of the Gambling Act 2005 (for copy see minute book). The primary objective was to implement swiftly and effectively the system of regulation set out in the Gambling Act 2005, and through that to deliver the licensing objectives of the new Act.

10.2 The Head of Environmental Health and Licensing gave a presentation to Members on the main aspects of the Gambling Act 2005 (slides attached).

10.3 **RESOLVED** - (1) That the report be noted with thanks.

Tim Nichols

(2) That officers arrange training for Members of the Licensing Committee (Licensing Act 2003).

11. GAMBLING ACT 2005

11.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning the preparation of a Statement of Gambling Policy in accordance with the provisions of the Gambling Act 2005 (for copy see minute book).

11.2 It was confirmed that the Statement of Gambling Policy and any future amendments to that policy would be considered by the Licensing Committee 2003 before being submitted to full Council.

11.3 **RESOLVED** - (1) That responsibility for the preparation of a Statement of Gambling Policy be delegated to officers in consultation with the Chair and deputy Chairs.

Tim Nichols

(2) That responsibility for the consultation on the Statement of Gambling Policy be delegated to officers.

12. SCHEDULE OF APPEALS

12.1 The Committee considered a schedule of appeals that had taken place since the implementation of the Licensing Act 2003. The Committee solicitor reported that the Magistrates Court had so far not overturned a decision of the Licensing Panels.

12.2 **RESOLVED** - – That there be an updated schedule of appeals and a schedule of reviews, submitted to each Licensing Committee

Rebecca Sidell

2003 meeting.

13. ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO COUNCIL

13.1 **RESOLVED** – There were none.

The meeting concluded at 4.34 p.m.

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2006