

Minutes of a meeting of the **COMMITTEE OF THE LICENSING AUTHORITY** held in Meeting Room 1, Council Offices, Priory Road, Spalding on Tuesday 24 November 2009.

PRESENT

Councillors:

M G Chandler - Chairman  
S F Williams - Vice-Chairman

M Bamber  
C J Lawton

G K Dark  
D Wilkinson

A Harrison

The Head of Customer, Legal and Member Services.

**338. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Casson, Councillor Espin and Councillor Jones.

**339. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes of the previous meetings held on :

- a) 13 May 2009; and
- b) 25 November 2008

were signed as a correct copy.

**340. GAMBLING ACT 2005**

The Gambling Act 2005 placed a duty on the Licensing Authority to publish a Statement of Principles at least once every three years. A comprehensive consultation with all those identified either statutorily as 'responsible bodies' or those with an interest had taken place and the 3 month consultation period had ended on 20 October 2009. The previous Statement of Principles was published in January 2007 so the Council must therefore approve and publish a new set of Principles in January 2010. Officers had received some acknowledgements to the consultation exercise but no adverse comments or objections to the proposed Statement of Principles had been received. The Team Leader for Food Safety and Licensing advised the Committee that the circulated copy of the Statement showed clearly the amendments already made and the highlighted sections that still needed to be agreed.

The Licensing Officer informed the Committee that clarity was needed on an item on page 43 of the table of delegated functions which related to the cancellation of licensed premises gaming machine permits for non payment of fee. The Committee considered the item and decided that this should be dealt with by an authorised officer of the Council.

DECISIONS: (a) That an authorised officer of the Council have delegated authority to cancel licensed premises gaming machine permits for non-payment of fee; and

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

- (b) That subject to (a) above the Gambling Statement of Principles be approved and published

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341. **ANY OTHER ITEMS**

There were none.

(End of minutes)

(Meeting ended 7.23pm)