
LICENSING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19th April 2007

Present: Councillor Cunio (Chair),
Councillors Mrs Blatchford, Drake (Vice-Chair), Galton, Mrs. Rayment,
Samuels, Smith and White.

Apologies: Councillors Mrs Bridle, Darke, Jackson and Parnell.

STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR

In accordance with accepted practice a statement was made by the Chair.

9. MINUTES INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Licensing Committee held on 18th October, 2006, be approved and signed as a correct record.

10. GAMBLING ACT 2005 – DCMS CONSULTATION ON THE PROCESS FOR DETERMINING APPLICATIONS FOR CASINO PREMISES

The Committee considered the report of the Solicitor to the Council inviting comments from the Committee as the designated body of the Council as Licensing Authority under the Act on the Department of Culture Media and Sport consultation paper concerning on the draft regulations in relation to the process to be adopted for determining applications for casino premises.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the comments made in response to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport consultation paper on the Gambling Act 2005 dated February 2007 as set out in the report be endorsed, subject to the response to question No 1 being amended to include:-
‘that the fees should be set at such a level as to be sufficient to cover the full cost to the City Council when considering and determining each large casino application’; and
- (ii) that authority be delegated to the Solicitor to the Council to finalise all technical arrangements regarding the instigation of systems and procedures to process applications for casino premises.

11. GAMBLING ACT 2005 – SETTING OF APPLICATION AND ANNUAL FEES FOR PREMISES LICENCES

The Committee considered the report of the Solicitor to the Council concerning Section 212 Gambling Act 2005 requiring the City Council, as Licensing Authority, to adopt a fee structure to take effect from 21st May, 2007 when the responsibilities under the Act transfer to the City Council.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the fee structure as set out in the table attached at Appendix 1 of the report be adopted from 21st May 2007;
- (ii) that the Solicitor to the Council:-
 - (a) bring a further report to the committee in due course with regard to the fee to be set for a Large Casino application; and
 - (b) review the level of fees annually and report to the committee as appropriate

12. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE SOLICITOR TO THE COUNCIL FOR THE GRANT OF ADDITIONAL GAMING MACHINE (AWP) PERMITS UNTIL 27TH APRIL 2007

The Committee considered the report of the Solicitor to the Council seeking delegated authority for the Solicitor to the Council to determine applications to increase the number of Amusement with Prizes Machines in Alcohol Licensed Premises until the closing date for applications on 27th April, 2007.

RESOLVED that authority be delegated to the Solicitor to the Council to determine applications to increase the number of Amusement with Prizes Machines in Alcohol Licensed Premises until the closing date for applications on 27th April, 2007.