

Licensing Board 1 December 2015
**A MEETING OF THE LICENSING BOARD
WAS HELD ON 1 DECEMBER 2015**

The Mayor (Councillor Farr) (ex-officio), Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board (Councillor Hook) (ex-officio), Councillors Allen, Ms Ballard (P) , Mrs Batty (P), Beavis (P), Ms Diffey , Mrs Forder(P), Geddes (P), Mrs Morgan (P), Murphy , Ronayne (P) , Scard (P), and Mrs Searle (P) .

23. APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of the Mayor, Councillors Allen, Ms Diffey and Murphy.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Mrs Morgan chaired the meeting.

24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

25. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Board held on 20 October 2015 be approved and signed as a true and correct record.

26. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

27. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

PART II

28. THE GAMBLING ACT 2005 STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES 2016-2019

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Environmental Health presenting to the Board the draft Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles 2016-2019 (the "Draft Statement") for approval for the purpose of statutory consultation.

Members were advised that the Policy was now shorter and more concise.

Members were advised that consultation would be made with national gambling associations, charities and local family groups.

In answer to a Member's question, the Board were advised that an adult gaming centre was defined and determined by the category of gaming machines on the premises. Adult gaming centres had a higher category of fruit machines, with greater pay-outs and were restricted to over

18 only. Lower category machines were present in arcade style premises including penny machines and children were permitted on these premises. The Board was advised that there were two adult gaming centres in Gosport and that the main gambling premises in the Borough were these, bookmakers and the bingo hall.

It was confirmed that any changes to the Statement of Principles would be highlighted when the documents were returned to the Board.

It was confirmed that Councillors should not make representations about licence applications if they were Members of the Licensing Board.

Members were advised that the Statement of Principles would be made available for viewing immediately, letters would be sent to consultees containing a weblink, to allow for consideration, this would allow for any comments to be made. Following consultation, both the Gambling Principles and the Licensing Policy would be returned to the Board for consideration of any representations made.

RESOLVED: That;

- 1) the Draft Statement of Principles be approved for the purposes of statutory consultation; and
- 2) the Licensing Board shall its meeting of 26th January 2016 consider any representations arising from the statutory consultation exercise, and recommend to Full Council the Draft Statement be adopted with or without amendment.

29. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none

The Meeting concluded at 6.13pm

CHAIRMAN