
CENTRAL LICENSING COMMITTEE 11.09.17

Present: Councillors, Steve Collings, Annwen Daniels, Annwen Hughes, , Eryl Jones-Williams, Dafydd Owen, Edgar Wyn Owen, Jason W Parry, Rheinallt Puw, Peter Read, Elfed W. Williams and Gareth Williams

Also in Attendance: Gareth Jones (Senior Planning and Environment Manager), Gwenan Mai Roberts (Licensing Manager), Geraint B. Edwards (Solicitor) and Lowri Haf Evans (Member Support Officer)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors John Brynmor Jones and Dewi Wyn Roberts.

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were received from any members present.

3. URGENT ITEMS

None to note

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting of this committee, that took place on 19 June 2017, as a true record.

5. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES

Submitted - for information, the minutes of meetings of the Central Licensing Sub-committee that took place on 26.7.17 and 2.8.17

6. REVIEW OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Submitted – a draft report by the Head of Environment, requesting the Committee to consider and approve the contents of the policy, in accordance with the Gambling Act 2005, to be adopted by the Full Council.

Members were reminded that concerns were expressed at the Committee meeting on 6.3.17 when discussing the draft policy, about the frequency of gambling advertisements that appear on television channels and on the internet. It was highlighted that the Licensing Department had conveyed these

concerns to the Gambling Commission and had by now received a response to those concerns. The letter was read out at the meeting. It was noted that the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS) had completed a review with evidence and this would be published at the end of October 2017. It was assumed that the evidence would respond in some way to the concerns highlighted by the Committee.

In response to the letter, a comment was made that several authorities were responsible for keeping control and the Council had to keep an eye on this issue and consider the review findings following its publication.

The information submitted in the letter was received.

It was noted that Section 349 of the Gambling Act requires Licensing Authorities, every three years, to prepare and publish a declaration of the Licensing Principles they wish to implement whilst carrying out their functions in accordance with the Act. It was noted that a public consultation had been undertaken for a period of 12 weeks and no responses had been received.

It was explained that the next step was for the draft policy to be assessed by the Equality Officer. Following this the Cabinet Member would submit the Statement to the Full Council for adoption.

RESOLVED to approve the draft Gambling Policy Statement in accordance with the 2005 Gambling Act and approve it for adoption by the Full Council, following an assessment by the Equality Officer.

The meeting commenced at 10.00am and concluded at 10.45am.