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## LICENSING ACT 2003 COMMITTEE

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**MINUTES** of the Meeting held in the Assembly Room - Swale House on Wednesday, 22 July 2015 from 6.00 - 6.09 pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Cameron Beart (substitute for Councillor Anita Walker), Bobbin, Monique Bonney, Tina Booth, Roger Clark, Adrian Crowther, Paul Fleming, June Garrad, Lesley Ingham (Chairman), Prescott (Vice-Chairman), Ben Stokes, Ghlin Whelan and Ted Wilcox.

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Mohammed Bauluck, Jayne Bolas, Kellie MacKenzie, Mark Radford and Angela Seaward.

**APOLOGY:** Councillor Anita Walker.

### 120 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 February 2013 (Minute Nos. 551 – 553) were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The Minutes of the following Sub-Committees were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record:

26 March 2013 – Minute Nos. 667 – 668  
16 July 2013 – Minute Nos. 142 – 144  
22 October 2013 – Minute Nos. 350 – 352  
10 February 2014 – Minute Nos. 567 – 569  
24 April 2014 – Minute Nos. 700 – 702  
30 March 2015 – Minute Nos. 592 – 594

### 121 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

### 122 DRAFT STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY FOR CONSULTATION

The Corporate Services Director introduced the report which set out information and guidance on a proposed new draft 'Statement of Licensing Policy' requiring Member approval to be subject to a three month public consultation.

The Corporate Services Director explained that due to changes in legislation the policy had been updated quite significantly, and Officers considered that it was now in-line with best practice.

In response to a query from a Member, the Solicitor advised no further Member training was scheduled but if any major changes to licensing legislation were announced then a refresher training day or notes for circulation could be arranged.

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That the proposed draft Statement of Licensing, appendix I of the report, be approved for consultation.**
- (2) That a further report setting out the responses to the consultation and the final draft policy for approval for reference to Full Council, before January 2016, be received.**

## **123 STATEMENT OF GAMBLING POLICY 2016 - 2019**

The Corporate Services Director introduced the report which presented the proposed revised Statement of Gambling Policy for the period 2016 - 2019 for consultation. He explained that this was an interim draft Statement as the Gambling Commission would shortly be publishing revised guidance. The interim revised Statement would ensure that the Council met its statutory requirements and was essentially no different in principle to the Council's current Statement, save for amended demographic information.

The Corporate Services Director stated that subject to Members approval the proposed draft statement would be subject to a twelve week public consultation.

### **RESOLVED:**

- (1) That the draft Statement of Gambling Policy is approved for consultation.**
- (2) That a further report setting out the responses to the consultation and the final draft policy for approval for reference to Full Council before January 2016, be received.**

Chairman

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