

**Minutes of the Licensing Committee  
4 November 2015**

**Present:**

Councillor R.W. Sider BEM (Chairman)  
Councillor I.T.E. Harvey (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors:

S.J. Burkmar	S.M. Doran	A.C. Harman
R.O. Barratt	S.A. Dunn	S.C. Mooney

**Apologies:** Councillors Councillor R. Chandler, Councillor K. Flurry,  
Councillor V.J. Leighton and Councillor M.J. Madams

**278/15 Minute's silence for the late Councillor Robert Watts**

Members of the Committee stood in silence as a token of respect for the late Leader of the Council, Councillor Robert Watts, who died on Monday 5 October.

**279/15 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2015 were agreed as a correct record.

**280/15 Disclosures of Interest**

There were none.

**281/15 Adoption of Gambling Act Policy 2016-2019**

The Licensing Manager presented her report on the adoption of the Gambling Act Policy 2016 – 2019, following a 12 week consultation. She explained that the Gambling Act 2005 required all licensing authorities to prepare and publish a Statement of Gambling Policy which will last a maximum of three years. The review of the policy must include a consultation exercise.

She informed the Committee that the main changes from the previous Policy related to revisions detailed in the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Gambling Commission Guidance, to which Licensing Authorities must have regard. The Policy now

included a Local Area Profile and a requirement for new applicants for betting premises to submit risk assessments.

She advised that the consultation had attracted four responses: one from a betting operator, one from an organisation representing racecourses, one from a member of the public and one from Gosschalks Solicitors, acting for the Association of British Bookmakers. A summary of the consultation responses and proposed amendments was attached to the report.

**Resolved** to recommend Cabinet that the revised Statement of Gambling Policy 2016-2019 be recommended to Council for adoption.

### **282/15 Work and Decisions of Licensing Sub-Committees**

The Committee considered the report on the decisions of Licensing Sub-Committees held between June and September 2015.

**Resolved** to note the report on the work and decisions of Licensing Sub-Committees.