LICENSING COMMITTEE

27 November 2012

Present:

Councillor Keith Owen (Chair)

Councillors Dawson, Choules, Clark, D J Henson, Macdonald, Pearson, Robson, Ruffle, Shiel, Tippins and Winterbottom

Apologies:

Councillors Leadbetter and Payne

Also present:

Assistant Director Environment, Principal Licensing Officer, Licensing Solicitor and Member Services Officer (HB)

50 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 24 July and 25 September 2012 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as correct records.

51 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made by Members.

GAMBLING ACT 2005

Review of Gambling Policy : Responses to the Draft Policy used as a Consultation Draft

The Assistant Director Environment presented the report setting out a new Statement of Policy in respect of gambling that had been subject to a three month consultation period, with the bodies and persons set out in the Act and others, the consultation commencing in July 2012 and closing in October. The report informed Members that no responses to the consultation had been received from any of the parties and recommended that the new Statement of Policy be adopted for the three year period from 31 January 2013 to 30 January 2016.

RESOLVED that the new Statement of Policy be adopted with effect from 31 January 2013.

(Report circulated)

53 Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 - Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of the following items on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part I, Schedule 12A of the Act.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982

54 Application for the issue of a Street Trading Consent (Ms JH)

The Principal Licensing Officer advised that objections to an application for consent to street trade had been withdrawn and that the matter had therefore been dealt with under delegated powers.

RESOLVED that the position be noted.

(Report circulated to Members)

TOWN POLICE CLAUSES ACT 1847/TRANSPORT ACT 1985, SECTION 16

55 Application for the issue of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence (Mr SR)

RESOLVED that Mr SR's application be refused.

(Report circulated to Members)

56 Application for the issue of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence (Mr SB)

RESOLVED that Mr SB's application be refused.

(Report circulated to Members)

57 Sex Entertainment Venues and Sex Establishments

The Assistant Director Environment updated Members on the proposed consultation with residents and interested parties on a policy in respect of the regulation of sex establishments planned for 2013. A report would be submitted to the February 2013 meeting of the Licensing Committee seeking consideration of options for the Council's future policy on this matter.

RESOLVED that the position be noted.

58 Timing of Meetings

RESOLVED that meetings of this Committee continue to be held at 5.30pm.

The meeting commenced at 5.30 pm and closed at 6.37 pm

Chair