

## **LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**Meeting held in the Committee Room, Council Offices, Urban Road,  
Kirkby-in-Ashfield,**

**on Wednesday, 2nd December, 2015 at 6.30 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillor M.J. Smith, in the Chair;  
Councillors A.N. Brewer, C.R. Chapman, H.J. Hollis,  
C.A. Mason, M.K. Murphy, P. Roberts, R.J. Sears-Piccavey  
and S.R. Wilson.

**Apologies for Absence:** Councillors L. Anderson, J.F. Aspinall and C.J. Baron.

**Officers Present:** C. Booth, B. Brown and J. Robinson.

### **L.1 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Non Disclosable Pecuniary/Other Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **L.2 Minutes**

RESOLVED

that the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 12th November, 2014 be received and approved as a correct record.

### **L.3 Proposed Amendments to the Council's Statement of Gambling Policy**

The Environmental Health Manager presented the report and asked Members to consider amendments to the Statement of Gambling Policy for Ashfield District Council, in compliance with the requirements of the Gambling Act 2005.

Members were advised that it was a requirement of the Gambling Act 2005 that the Licensing Authority review the Statement of Gambling Policy every 3 years.

The draft Statement of Gambling Policy was appended to the report with the amendments highlighted inside the document. The Council had consulted various bodies and organisations upon this statement over a 3 month period ending on 9th October, 2015. The Council had received one response during the consultation period.

RESOLVED

that the amended Statement of Gambling Policy, as appended to the report, be approved and recommended to Council for adoption and implementation.

Reasons:

Amendments to the Council's Statement of Gambling Policy provide a consistent approach to gambling licensing across Nottinghamshire.

The Nottinghamshire Authorities Licensing Group have reviewed the Statement of Gambling Policy and agreed suggested changes. None of the changes are of a major nature and are mainly cosmetic in order for anyone reading the document can fully understand the Policy. It is intended to make the Statement of Gambling Policy a County-wide document for consistency of approach.

The amended document will make clear to applicants and operators the Council's policy and criteria for the determination of applications under the Gambling Act 2005.

The meeting closed at 6.56 p.m.

Chairman.