

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

COUNCIL CHAMBER, WYRE FOREST HOUSE, FINEPOINT WAY, KIDDERMINSTER

MONDAY, 8TH OCTOBER 2012 (10.30AM)

Present:

Councillors: P B Harrison (Chairman), A T Hingley (Vice-Chairman), R Bishop, C Brewer, J Greener, M J Hart, V Higgs, M B Kelly, N Knowles, F M Oborski, M Price, M A Salter, D R Sheppard, N J Thomas and G C Yarranton.

Observers

Councillor J-P Campion.

LIC.38 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Dyke and P V Hayward.

LIC.39 Appointment of Substitutes

Councillor F M Oborski was appointed as a substitute for Councillor P Dyke.
Councillor M J Hart was appointed as a substitute for Councillor P V Hayward.

LIC.40 Declarations of Interests by Members

No declarations of interest were made.

LIC.41 Minutes

Decision: The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

LIC.42 Review of the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles

The Committee had considered a report from the Director of Worcestershire Regulatory Services on behalf of Wyre Forest District Council which informed Members of the findings of the recent consultation undertaken with stakeholders on the updated District Gambling Statement of Principles.

The Senior Practitioner – Licensing (WRS) led Members through the report and advised the Statement of Gambling Principles was originally written in conjunction with the County Licensing Group and had been updated by Officers from Worcestershire Regulatory Services, making the document comparable with those held in neighbouring Districts.

The Committee discussed each page of the Draft Statement of Principles, as set out at Appendix 1 of the report to the Licensing and Environmental Committee, in turn.

Councillor J-P Campion left the meeting at this point, (10.44am).

In response to a Members' question about establishing a close working relationship with the Police, as set out at point 17.1 on page 13 of 15, the Senior Practitioner – Licensing (WRS) confirmed the Police Authority employ two civilian Police Licensing Officers who liaised with WRS on a daily basis.

Following a request from a Member, the Senior Practitioner – Licensing (WRS), agreed to invite the Police Licensing Officers to a future meeting of the Committee to provide an update on their work.

The meeting was adjourned at this point, (10.55 am), for the Democratic Services Officer to leave the room to photocopy page 11 of 15 which was missing from the hard copies of the agenda. The page was handed out to Members and the meeting resumed at 11.01am.

Agreed:

Recommend to Council:

- 1. Following consultation with relevant stakeholders, the updated Gambling Statement of Principles for the Wyre Forest District be approved.**
- 2. The Senior Practitioner – Licensing (WRS) to invite the Police Licensing Officers to a future meeting of the Committee.**

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 11.11am.