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BRECKLAND COUNCIL

At a Meeting of the

LICENSING COMMITTEE

**Held on Wednesday, 24 October 2012 at 10.00 am in
Norfolk Rooms, The Conference Suite, Elizabeth House, Dereham**

PRESENT

Mr S.G. Bambridge
(Chairman)
Mrs E. M. Jolly (Vice-
Chairman)
Councillor C Bowes
(Substitute Member)
Mr T.J. Lamb
Mr K. Martin

Mrs K. Millbank
Mr J.D. Rogers
Mr F.J. Sharpe
Mrs P.A. Spencer

Also Present

Mrs J A North

In Attendance

Jane Osborne
Fiona Inston
Stuart Kearns

- Committee Officer
- Licensing & Business Support Manager
- Trading Standards Officer, NCC

Action By

14/12 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2012 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

15/12 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Pettitt, Darby, Monument and Armes. Cllr Bowes was in attendance as a substitute for Cllr Armes.

16/12 URGENT BUSINESS

None.

17/12 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations made.

Action By

18/12NON-MEMBERS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE MEETING

Whilst Cllr J North was in attendance for training purposes with regard to Items 8 and 9 of the Agenda, she would not vote on Agenda items.

19/12REVISED STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES - GAMBLING ACT 2005

Fiona Inston, Licensing & Business Support Manager presented the report which was to consider the draft revised Statement of Principles and refer it to full Council for approval in order for Breckland Council to act as the Licensing Authority to discharge its statutory duties under the Gambling Act 2005. No responses to the draft had been received which was very similar to the previous Statement as only minimal changes had been made.

The Chairman went through the document page by page for the benefit of new Members on the Committee. With regard to page 14 of the Agenda, point No. 6 Exchange of Information, the Chairman stated that good exchanges of information need to be encouraged.

A personal observation was made by the Chairman that there was a proliferation of betting shops in Dereham. It was felt beneficial that an Officer from the Planning Team be invited to attend a meeting of the Licensing Committee in Spring 2013 to give an overview of Planning's involvement with regard to betting shops and other licensed premises.

Fiona Inston

The Licensing & Business Support Manager would forward information to a Councillor who asked for clarification on raffles, and it was suggested that a small briefing document could be produced which would be helpful for Councillors to refer to.

Fiona Inston

RESOLVED that :

The revised Statement of Principles be recommended for approval to Council in order for Breckland Council to act as the licensing authority to discharge its statutory duties under the Gambling Act 2005.

20/12LIVE MUSIC ACT 2012

The report was presented by Fiona Inston, Licensing & Business Support Manager, the purpose of which was to note the amendments to the Licensing Act 2003 via the Live Music Act 2012 in respect of live music entertainment and the provision of entertainment facilities. A brief overview was given of the amendments which were detailed in the report.

Action By

Updated Guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 was expected on 31 October 2012, when the Live Music and other amendments would be incorporated, and the Licensing & Business Support Manager would circulate it to Members once it had been published.

The Chairman stated that it was unsatisfactory that the Licensing Team and Committee would not have the Guidance to read until the end of October 2012, and therefore requested that the item be placed on the next Licensing Committee's Agenda, scheduled to take place on 23 January 2013.

Fiona Inston

RESOLVED that :

The Licensing Committee discharges its functions under the Licensing Act 2003 as amended by the Live Music Act 2012.

21/12 NORFOLK CONSTABULARY'S WORK WITH LICENSED PREMISES

Since the publication of the Agenda, the briefing scheduled to take place by the Norfolk Constabulary's Licensing Team had been postponed and would take place instead on 23 January 2013.

Instead, Stuart Kearns, Trading Standards Officer, Norfolk County Council was present and he talked about counterfeit and bogus/illicit alcohol of which the Committee were shown various examples. Underage sales in relation to alcohol was also discussed by him.

The Chairman stated that he wanted good working relationships with Trading Standards, and he thanked Mr Kearns for the briefing, which the Committee found very helpful.

22/12 LICENSING ACT TRAINING

The item was postponed until the next Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday 23 January 2013.

The meeting closed at 11.45 am

CHAIRMAN