



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH ON 17 NOVEMBER 2009**

Present: Councillor Dobbs (Chair), Newton (Vice Chair), Thacker, Peach, Morley, Nawaz, Saltmarsh and Khan.

Officers in attendance: Terri Martin, Regulatory Officer
Amy Brown, Solicitor
Gemma George, Senior Governance Officer

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Swift.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the Sub Committee Hearings held on:

- 3.1 9 September 2009 – Netherton Food and Wine
- 3.2 2 October 2009 – Netherton United Football Club Limited

The minutes of the Sub Committee hearings were approved as true and accurate records.

4. Gambling Act 2005 – Peterborough City Council's Revised Statement of Principles

The Committee received a report which highlighted Peterborough City Council's revised statement of principles and the comments which had been received following the consultation process.

Under Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005, it was a requirement for each Council to produce, adopt and publish a Statement of Principles. This Statement would govern the way decisions were made by the Council and how it would administer its duties under the Act. Without a Statement of Principles the Council may be subject to Judicial Review for failing in its responsibilities to carry out a statutory duty.

The Act required that the Statement of Principles was kept under continual review to incorporate where necessary any changes to the legislation and or Guidance as appropriate. In addition to this, the Act specified that the Statement must be reviewed and revised on a three yearly basis.

The first three year period began on 31 January 2007 and therefore, the first three year period was due to expire on 30 January 2010. The revised Statement was required to be drafted and consulted upon prior to it being adopted.

In order to meet statutory obligations, a revised Statement had been drafted. Also in accordance with the Act, the revised Statement had been consulted upon, and all comments received had been considered and incorporated as appropriate.

In formulating the revised Statement, officers had given full consideration to the requirements of the Act, guidance issued by the Gambling Commission and also the LACoRS (Local Authorities Coordinators of Regulatory Services) model document. Colleagues from neighbouring authorities had also been liaised with in order to ensure Statements were consistent.

RESOLVED:

1. to note the contents of the report
2. to note the comments received following public consultation
3. to approve the final Statement of Principles and to recommend that it be adopted by Full Council on 2 December 2009

Reasons for the Decision:

To ensure that Peterborough City Council complied with the Gambling Act 2005 and had the required policies in place in order to carry out its responsibilities under the Act.

9.30am - 9.35am
Chairman