LICENSING & GAMBLING COMMITTEE HELD: 28 JULY 2009

Start: 7.00 p.m. Finish: 7.05 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Kay (Chairman)

Councillor G.M. Roberts (Vice Chairman)

Councillors: Ainscough Ms. Melling

Carson Saxon

Collinson Mrs. Stephenson

Jones Swiffen

McKay

Officers: Public Protection and Licensing Manager (Mr. P. Charlson)

Senior Licensing Officer (Ms. M. Murray)

Principal Solicitor (Mr. L. Gardner)

Member Services Officer (Mrs. J.A. Jones)

In attendance: Councillor Cropper

1.. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Griffiths.

2. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4, the Committee noted the termination of membership of Councillor M. Pendleton and the appointment of Councillor McKay for this meeting only, thereby giving effect to the wishes of the political groups.

3. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. DECLARATION OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of Party Whip.

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6. MINUTES OF SUB COMMITTEES

The Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committees held on 26 November 2007, 21 December 2007, 18 January 2008, 25 January 2008, 7 March 2008, 9 April 2008, 15 July 2008, 15 December 2008, 27 March 2009, 20 April 2009 and 11 May 2009 were submitted

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RESOLVED: That all the above minutes be noted.

7. APPROVAL OF REVISED DRAFT STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY UNDER THE GAMBLING ACT 2005.

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Manager Community Services as contained on pages 29 to 78 of the Book of Reports which requested that the necessary action be taken in order to consult upon the revised draft Statement of Licensing Policy as required by the Gambling Act 2005 (the Act).

During the discussion on this item Members brought to the attention of Officers that Appendix 3 attached to the draft statement would need to be updated before public consultation took place on the Licensing Policy as some of the consultees on the list were no longer applicable.

RESOLVED: That the draft Statement of Licensing Policy be approved.

8. INTERNAL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: ALCOHOL AND ASSOCIATED PROBLEMS REVIEW

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Manager Community Services as contained on pages 79 to 81 of the Book of Reports the purpose of which was to advise Members of the recommendations arising from a review of alcohol and its associated problems by the Council's Internal Overview and Scrutiny Committee.