



Licensing Committee

Monday, 5 November 2012

Dear Councillor

You are advised that the attached documents form part of the main agenda papers for this meeting.

Please ensure you bring them with you to the meeting.

Yours faithfully

S Kilkie
Assistant Director (Communities)

List of documents attached

7. Review of Statement of Licensing Policy under the Gambling Act 2005 – (Pages 1 - 4)
Amended Appx 3 – Consultation Feedback

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| Respondent | Paragraph | Comments | Appraisal | Response |
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| Councillor Robin Theobald | Whole Policy | <p>You have asked for comments!</p> <p>I can see there is a lot to be covered and this note is intended as a comment not a criticism. I should add I am used looking planning documents and regulations. I have little knowledge of licensing legislation.</p> <p>I have had a look at the Statement of Licensing Policy. The statement clearly has all the relevant reference material and supporting evidence but I found it difficult to draw out the Council's Policies. I recall passing the resolution on Casinos and presumably that should be quoted verbatim. There are also policy references in the appendix [e.g. Appendix 2 part (ii) last two paragraphs on page 15 similarly part (iii) first and last paragraph on page 17]</p> <p>I was looking statement of the Council's policy set out for each class of Gambling for which the Council has responsibility (i.e. Machines, Club, Casinos etc) followed by reference to the supporting documentation either</p> | <p>Councillor Theobald's comments are very much welcomed and noted. However the design of the policy is in line with a template provided by the Gambling Commission and in line with the format of the policies of all other Kent authorities who work together through the mechanism of the Kent & Medway Regulatory Licensing Steering Group to draft skeleton policies for the county whilst allowing for any local differences.</p> | No change |

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| | | <p>immediately or cross referenced to an appendices.</p> <p>Parts of the document give guidance to those making applications and other parts give guidance to those wishing to make representations.</p> <p>I would find it easier to follow if it had a general introduction referring to the 2005 Act (how the Council derives its powers and responsibilities); any reference to regulations; and the guidance the Council is subject to i.e. Gambling Commission and how this was set up and its remit and the Council's duty to take its advice into account. After this the general background which already there in terms other authorities interested parties etc.</p> <p>Following this by a series of policy statements, one for each class of gambling, grouped together.</p> <p>Followed by appendices, which give any specific quotations from the Act, regulations or guidance generally and were appropriate related specifically to each police.</p> <p>Followed by guidance notes for</p> | | |
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| | | <p>applicants.</p> <p>Followed by guidance notes for those wishing to make representation.</p> | | |
| Meopham Parish Council | Para 4, Page 5 | At the meeting of Meopham Parish Council's Planning and Projects Committee, held on 30 th October 2012, a motion was unanimously passed endorsing Gravesham Borough Council's December 2009 resolution of "no casinos" | Gravesham Borough Council thanks Meopham Parish Council for considering this matter and notes their comments. | No change |
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