

**MINUTES OF THE URGENT DECISION
TUESDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2015**

Present: Cllr Claire Kober, Leader of the Council

In

Attendance: Cllr Clive Carter
Daliah Barrett –Licensing Team Leader
Philip Slawther – Principal Committee Coordinator

As set out under paragraph 17.1 Part Four, Section D of the Constitution, agreement has been obtained from the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the decision to be taken under the Special Urgency procedure.

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
HSP67.	<p>FILMING AT MEETINGS</p> <p>The Leader referred those present to agenda Item 1 as shown on the agenda in respect of filming at this meeting and asked that those present reviewed and noted the information contained therein.</p>	
HSP68.	<p>URGENT BUSINESS</p> <p>None.</p>	
HSP69.	<p>CONSULTATION ON REVISED STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY FOR GAMBLING ACT 2005</p> <p>A report was presented which sought Leader approval to release the Council's Statement of Gambling Policy for public consultation.</p> <p>Cllr Carter raised a number of questions in relation to the report. A summary of those questions and the response is below.</p> <p>In response to a question from Cllr Carter enquiring how many times police had been called to respond to instances of serious disorder in the borough, officers advised that within the legislation any instances of crime and disorder had to relate directly to the act of betting itself. It was noted that for instance, armed robbery occurring in the betting shop would not be permissible as a reason to review the licence. It was noted that there had been no instances of betting shops being raided by police that the Licensing Team Leader was aware of.</p> <p>Cllr Carter asked for an update on government proposals to create a new class of 'sui generis' betting shops under planning legislation. Officers responded that these regulations were brought in by amendment to the planning legislation.</p> <p>Cllr Carter asked for an update on the campaign around Fixed Odds</p>	

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Betting Terminals. It was noted that Haringey had also lobbied for there to be locally applied quota for FOBTs but this was rejected by the Government.

Cllr Carter asked whether provisions around voluntary self exclusions were being implemented by betting shops. In response, officers advised that as part of the routine inspection of a number of premises companies were able to show evidence of being able to provide a self exclusion scheme. It was also noted that under the betwatch scheme, the intension was for a person to be excluded from all betting shops in Tottenham, if they had been excluded from one.

Cllr Carter enquired whether the Council should make provision for having a casino in the borough, given that it was not currently able to due to not be in a permitted area; as designated under the Gaming Act 1968. In response, it was noted that there were no plans to have a casino in the borough and so a change to the current status was not necessary.

Cllr Carter asked whether there had been any instances of venues with a premises licence being prosecuted for illegal gambling, for instance a number of cases of social clubs illegally putting on poker games in Enfield had been reported in the local press. The Licensing Team Leader, responded that poker was allowed in venues with a premises licence but only for minimal stakes and that a code of practice was in place from the Gambling Commission that covered these type of activities. The Licensing Team Leader added that there had been 3 prosecutions to date for clubs with a premises licence using gambling machines not covered by that licence.

Resolved

- I. That the draft Statement of Gambling Policy under the Gambling Act 2005 be approved for public consultation.

HSP70. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.