Item 14

COUNCIL MEETING - 19 JULY 2010

Amendment to Motion C (2010/11)

(Amendments are shown in bold and underlined, deletions have been struck through)

This Council Notes:

- The Labour Party's National Manifesto pledge to undo the damage caused to our High Streets by the former Labour Government's Gambing Act 2005 and to give councils to protect the character of their areas, local authorities now have greater powers to reject applications for lap-dancing clubs and we will give councils new powers to oppose gambling licences if there are too many betting shops operating in a high street."
- That there is no provision in the Coalition Government's Agreement to empower local democracy through allowing councils to stop the clustering of betting shops

This Council Believes:

- That the clustering of betting shops deprives local people of diverse high streets
- Residents and local authorities should have a stronger say in whether betting shops are able to set up in an area.

This Council Resolves:

 To lobby the Government to change the planning laws so prohibit changes of use to betting shops in all cases unless planning permission is obtained for that purpose and to give local councils the power to stop the clustering of betting shops and refuse licensing applications for gambling premises licences for betting shops on these grounds wherever the local authority considers that there is excessive provision of such premises.

Propose: Cllr David Schmitz Second: Cllr Gail Engert