

27 February 2007

Dear Councillor

LICENSING COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Licensing Committee will be held in the Committee Room at the Council Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden, on Wednesday 7 March 2007 at 7.45 pm or at the conclusion of the question and answer session, whichever is the earlier.

Commencing at 7.30 pm, there will be an opportunity of up to 15 minutes for members of the public to ask questions and make statements subject to having given two working days prior notice.

Yours faithfully

ALASDAIR BOVAIRD

Chief Executive

A G E N D A P A R T I

- 1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.
- 2 Minutes of the meetings held on 17 January 2007 (herewith), 24 January 2007 (herewith), 7 February 2007 (to follow), and 20 February 2007 (to follow).
- 3 Matters arising.
- 4 Revision of Licensing Act 2003 – Secretary of State's Guidance.

Item for Decision

The guidance produced by the Secretary of State under the Licensing Act 2003 has been reviewed and a draft revised Guidance has been issued for consultation by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. The Guidance is intended to aid licensing authorities in carrying out their functions under the 2003 Act, and regard must be had to it by the Licensing Authority.

Members are asked to consider the guidance and determine what response (if any) they wish to make.

5 Delegation of responsibilities under the Gambling Act 2005

Item for decision

A scheme of delegation is required under the Gambling Act 2005 to devolve powers from the Licensing Committee to officers. In addition certain powers in relation to the Gambling Act which have been reserved for Full Council, can be delegated to the Licensing Committee.

The Committee is recommended to approve the Scheme of Delegation as set out in Appendix One to the report and to recommend to Full Council that the responsibility for setting licence fees under Section 212 of the Gambling Act 2005 be delegated to the Licensing Committee.

6 Gambling Act 2005 – Consultation on Gaming in Clubs and alcohol licensed premises.

Item for decision

The Gambling Act 2005 contains provisions about gaming in clubs and alcohol licensed premises. The Act provides for regulations to be made specifying detailed limits and qualifying criteria for gaming to be carried on in these premises, and the Government have produced a consultation paper on their proposals on which Members' views are sought.

Members are asked to determine what (if any) response they wish to make.

7 Exercise of delegated powers (Verbal Report).

8 Appeals (Verbal Report).

9 Any other items which the Chairman considers to be urgent.

To:- Councillors K R Artus, H D Baker, R F Freeman, E W Hicks, B M Hughes, R M Lemon, J I Loughlin, A Marchant, D J Morson, and A R Row.

Encs: Reports as listed on agenda.

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