WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee held in the Council Chamber at the Guildhall, Gainsborough on Tuesday 2 October 2012 commencing at 7.00 pm.

Present: Councillor Jessie Milne (Chairman - In the Chair)

Councillor Irmgard Parrott (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Owen Bierley
Councillor David Cotton
Councillor Richard Doran
Councillor Roger Patterson
Councillor Judy Rainsforth
Councillor Mel Starkey
Councillor Anne Welburn

In Attendance:

Chris Allen Head of Public Protection Services

Phil Hinch Licensing Team Manager

Lesley Beevers Environmental Protection Team Leader

Katie Coughlan Governance and Civic Officer

Apologies: None received

15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

There was no public participation.

16 MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

(a) Licensing and Regulatory Committee – 19 June 2012

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee held on 19 June 2012 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

17 MINUTES FOR NOTING

(a) Licensing Sub-Committee – 4 September 2012 (LR.06 12/13)

At the request of the Chairman, Councillor Cotton, who had chaired the above meeting, provided the Committee with a brief summary of the proceedings.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 4 September 2012 be received and noted.

18 MATTERS ARISING SCHEDULE SETTING OUT CURRENT POSITION OF PREVIOUSLY AGREED ACTIONS AS AT 24 SEPTEMBER 2012 (LR.07 12/13)

Members gave consideration to the Matters Arising Schedule which set out the current position of all previously agreed actions as at 24 September 2012.

At the request of the Chairman the Environmental Protection Team Leader updated Members as to the progress made in respect of Green Action number three (issues to raise with national food premises). It was noted that the Committee's concerns had been raised with the premise concern and would be again at their next inspection visit. However, it was stressed that there was very little in terms of enforcement that could be done.

Reference was made to the established Member Policy Development Panels and Officers requested with Members agreement that the three panels led by the Environmental Protection Team Leader, namely, Food Premises / Food Law and Health and Safety Enforcement, Environmental Protection duties and responsibilities, and Watercourses (new function) be merged. It was further agreed that all Members would be invited to future meetings of this merged Panel to ensure that there was some Members representation at any meetings convened, as this had proved difficult in the past.

RESOLVED that progress on the Matters Arising Schedule as set out in report LR.07 12/13, together with the further verbal update, as detailed above, be noted

19 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

20 REVIEW OF GAMBLING POLICY (STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES) (LR.08 12/13)

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Members gave consideration to a report which presented the revised draft Gambling Policy (Statement of Principles) prior to it being referred to Council for adoption.

Councillor Welburn, Informal Member Champion for Licensing, presented the report to the Committee and in doing so outlined the steps which had been taken and the comments which had been received through the consultation process in the mandatory review of the Policy.

RESOLVED to **RECOMMEND to Full Council** that the amended draft Gambling Policy Statement of Principles as set out in report LR.08 12/13 be approved and brought into effect from January 2013.

The meeting concluded at 7.20 pm

Chairman