

At a Meeting of the Licensing Committee of the Richmondshire District Council held at Mercury House, Richmond, North Yorkshire on Tuesday, 26 June 2018 at 6.30 pm.

Present: Councillor Jimmy Wilson-Petch (Chairman)
Councillors Danny Gill, Bill Glover, Lawrence Grose, Lorraine Hodgson and Patricia Middlemiss

Officers: Anna Carson (Senior Environmental Health Officer - Commercial), Donna McCarthy (Licensing Enforcement Officer) and Katie Cullum (Democratic Services Manager).

Apologies: Councillors John Blackie, Susan Fairhurst, William Heslop, Stuart Parsons and Ian Scott.

L3/18 Chairman's Announcements

The Committee thanked and expressed its appreciation to Donna McCarthy who, after 21 years' service was leaving the Council and wished her every success for the future.

L4/18 Minutes

(a) That the Minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 19 September 2017 and 18 May 2018 (Special) be approved and signed as an accurate record; and

(b) That the Minutes of the following Licensing Hearing Sub-Committees be noted:

5 December 2017; 7 February 2018; 7 February 2018 and 23 April 2018

L5/18 Public Speaking/Question Time

There were no public questions or statements submitted for consideration at the meeting.

L6/18 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

L7/18 Renewal of Statement of Policy – Gambling Act 2005

The Environmental Health Manager submitted a written report seeking approval of the revised draft Statement of Licensing Policy (Gambling Act 2005) for consultation.

A draft Statement was appended to the report and detailed the principles the Council would follow in exercising its functions under the Gambling Act 2005.

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The main revision to current policy accorded with the latest Gambling Commission Guidance to require Operators to produce a local risk assessment. Applicants for premises licences would be expected to submit a risk assessment as part of their application. This should reflect factors such as the premises' proximity to schools and other sensitive locations, vulnerable persons' schemes and other information relevant to the locality.

Following a consultation period of 8 weeks scheduled to commence in July 2018, Licensing Committee would receive a revised draft policy for comment and approval at its meeting on 25 September 2018 prior to submission to full Council.

Resolved: That the revised draft Statement of Licensing Policy (Gambling Act 2005) as appended to the report be approved for consultation.

The Meeting concluded at approximately 6.55 pm.