

LICENSING COMMITTEE

7 OCTOBER 2009

Present :- Councillor Christopher Garnett (Chairman)
Councillors John Bouckley, Helen Chuah,
Nick Cope, Wyn Foster, Mike Hogg,
Michael Lilley, Ann Quarrie and Laura Sykes

9. Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 20 May, 22 July and 31 July 2009 were confirmed as a correct record.

10. Statement of Gambling Policy - Review

The Head of Environmental and Protective Services submitted an advisory report noting the three year review of the Gambling Policy that was due to take place and the timescales involved. Members were issued with a copy of Colchester Borough Council's existing Gambling Policy. It was reported that the revised Gambling Policy would go out for consultation the following week. The revised policy and any comments received together with Counsel's opinion would be brought back to the Licensing Committee meeting on 25 November 2009 for its consideration. The revised and proposed Gambling Policy would then be considered by full Council on 10 December 2009 in order for the new Gambling Policy to be approved and in place by 31 January 2010.

RESOLVED that the timetable for the consultation programme on the review of the Council's Statement of Gambling Policy be noted.

11. Scheme of Delegation - Review

The Monitoring Officer submitted a report detailing the proposed changes to the scheme of delegation from the Licensing Committee to the Head of Environmental and Protective Services. The Monitoring Officer explained that the proposed changes were merely a matter of tidying up the existing scheme of delegation.

RESOLVED that the proposed amendments to the scheme of delegation from the Licensing Committee to the Head of Environmental and Protective Services be approved.

12. Licensing Team

In light of the recent changes to the Licensing team structure, the Licensing Committee asked that the good services and excellent contribution of the Licensing team past and present be noted. Members congratulated the team for coping with the enormity of the work that they had dealt with in the last few years and thanked them for all their hard work.