

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Thursday, 8th November, 2012

Present:- Councillor Trevor Hambleton – in the Chair

Councillors Eastwood, Miss Mancey, Tagg, Wemyss and Mrs Winfield

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr White, Cllr Welsh and Cllr Mrs Heames, Cllr Mrs Simpson and Cllr Lawton.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **TO CONSIDER ANY RESPONSES RECEIVED TO THE CONSULTATION ON THE GAMBLING ACT**

The consultation period ended on 8th November 2012 and the Council received a total of 7 responses all of which were positive and in favour of the existing policy, 4 of the responses contained comments, 3 of which related to issues that can only be considered by the Gambling Commission and therefore fell outside of the remit of the Council.

The remaining comment received from Staffordshire Trading Standards requested that the Policy support a Challenge 25 policy in place of the currently suggested Challenge 21 policy referred to on pages 14 and 17 of the Gambling Policy.

The Licensing Committee were in support of this alteration to the Policy and as such the change has been reflected in the revised Gambling Policy which will be in force for 3 years from the date of this meeting.

Resolved: a) That the current Challenge 21 policy be replaced by a Challenge 25 policy in the Gambling Policy for Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council.

(b) That the revised Gambling Policy be sent to Full Council for agreement.

COUNCILLOR TREVOR HAMBLETON
Chair