

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Licensing Committee**
held on Monday, 8th June, 2015 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor W S Davies (Chairman)

Councillors E Brooks, B Dooley, I Faseyi, A Harewood, L Jeuda, M Parsons,
L Smetham, G Wait and J Wray

OFFICERS PRESENT

Kim Evans, Licensing Team Leader
Peter Jones, Lawyer
Aoife Ryan, Lawyer
Julie Zientek, Democratic Services Officer

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors D Bebbington, M Hardy,
L Wardlaw and M Warren.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2015 be
approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5 MINUTES OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Licensing Act Sub-Committee
meetings held on 27 March 2015 and 6 May 2015, and the General
Licensing Sub-Committee meetings held on 2 April 2015 and 10 April 2015
be received.

6 TERMS OF REFERENCE

RESOLVED – That the Committee's Terms of Reference and those of its
Sub-Committees, as set out in the Constitution, be noted.

7 UPDATE ON THE LICENSING COMMITTEE'S WORKING GROUP

The Committee considered a report regarding the Licensing Committee Working Group, which had been established with the aim of identifying options which may reduce the harmful effects of alcohol consumption within the Cheshire East area.

Following recent changes in the membership of the Licensing Committee it was necessary to reinstate the Working Group and ensure that outstanding actions were completed.

RESOLVED – That the work of the Group and the progress made to date be noted.

8 DETAILS OF LICENSED VEHICLES SUSPENDED

The Committee considered a report regarding licensed vehicles that had been suspended by Licensing Officers during the period 1 January 2015 to 20 May 2015.

The Council's Scheme of Delegation made provision for officers to suspend vehicles in certain circumstances, including where vehicles were in breach of a Council condition, a breach of legislation or byelaws, and accident damage. Details of vehicles suspended by officers were periodically reported to the Licensing Committee.

RESOLVED – That the licensed vehicles suspended by Licensing Officers for the period 1 January 2015 to 20 May 2015, as set out in appendix 1 to the report, be noted.

9 REVISED STATEMENT OF GAMBLING PRINCIPLES

The Committee considered a report regarding the Council's draft revised Statement of Gambling Principles.

The Gambling Act 2005 required local authorities to prepare and publish a statement of the principles that they proposed to apply when exercising their functions under the Act during the three year period to which the statement applied. The Council was required to review its existing statement of principles and publish the revised version by no later than 31 January 2016. In preparing a revised statement, the Council had to undertake a consultation exercise with stakeholders.

The draft Statement, which was attached as Appendix 1 to the report, incorporated minor amendments, changes in legislation or practice and a local area assessment.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet Member for Communities be recommended to approve the draft revised Statement of Gambling Principles, to enable the statutory consultation process to commence.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 2.35 pm

Councillor W S Davies (Chairman)