



## **Minutes of the Licensing Committee**

**3 September 2009**

**-: Present :-**

Councillor Addis (Chairman)

Councillors Amil, Doggett, Excell, Horne, Hytche, Manning Mills,  
Parrott, Scouler, Stocks and Thomas (J)

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### **197. Apologies for Absence.**

Apology for absence was received from Cllr Darling.

### **198. Minutes.**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 28 May 2009 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **199. Gambling Act 2005 'Statement of Principles 2010' (Gambling Policy).**

Members considered Report 178/2009 which gave the Licensing Committee the opportunity to make a representation on the Gambling Policy as part of the overall consultation process. The Principal Safety and Licensing Officer advised Members that upon the conclusion of the policy consultation period, the final Gambling Policy would be presented to Council for ratification.

Members requested clarification regarding whether elected Members, rather than Officers should make the final decision on the criteria to be used when scoring potential casino bids. The Principal Safety and Licensing Officer agreed to seek legal advice and feedback to Members, as it was an issue that had yet to be resolved.

#### **Resolved:**

That the Executive Head of Community Safety be advised of the following representations of the Licensing Committee regarding the Gambling Policy:

- a) regarding children - Members sought consistency when referring to children or young persons that wherever possible the phrase used be 'persons under 18 years of age';
- b) paragraph 22.8 (l) should be amended to read 'a financial contribution will accompany the application' rather than 'what financial contribution will accompany the application';

- c) paragraph 22.14 should be amended to read 'Members of the Advisory Panel will comprise of competent and suitably qualified individuals' rather than 'Members of the Advisory Panel will comprise of carefully selected individuals';
- d) Appendix 1 paragraph 2 (a) should be amended to read 'Residents and Businesses of Torbay' as the business community had also been consulted.

Chairman

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