MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Licensing and Regulatory Committee held at Council Chamber, County Hall, The Rhadyr, Usk, NP15 1GA on Tuesday, 15th September, 2015 at 10.00 am

PRESENT: County Councillor L. Guppy (Chairman)

County Councillor B. Strong (Vice Chairman)

County Councillors: R. Chapman, D. Evans, J. Higginson, J. Prosser,

F. Taylor, P. Watts, A. Webb and M. Hickman

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Sam Winn Senior Licensing Officer

Sarah King Senior Democratic Services Officer

Leigh Beach Enforcement Officer

Ioan Gealy Solicitor

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R. Edwards, M. Hickman and A. Webb.

The Chairman confirmed that item 5. Training – Hearing and Licensing Act 2003, would be moved to after the meeting had ended.

2 <u>Declarations of interest</u>

There were no declarations of interest received.

3 To confirm and sign the minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the previous meetings were confirmed and signed by the Chairman:

- 21st July 2015 Licensing and Regulatory Committee
- 21st July 2015 Licensing Sub Committee
- 20th August 2015 Licensing Sub Committee

4 <u>Draft Statement of Gambling Policy and Proposal for Casinos - Gambling Act 2005.</u>

The Principal Licensing Officer presented the Draft Statement of Gambling Policy and Proposal for Casinos – Gambling Act 2005. The purpose was for the Licensing and Regulatory Committee to consider the proposed 'Draft Statement of Gambling Policy 2015' prior to it being submitted to Full Council.

The report had previously been considered at the Licensing and Regulatory Committee meeting on 9th June 2015. Consultation had been conducted and a response was received from a firm of solicitors requesting definitions of the term 'vulnerable person' and 'track' in Appendix C and to amend 'Parish Council' to 'Community Council' in paragraph 1.7 of the Policy, which had been duly carried out.

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No comments were received opposing the resolution not to permit casinos within Monmouthshire.

The revised policy must be published and in place for commencement on 31st January 2016.

We resolved to agree recommendations:

To support:-

- (a) Monmouthshire's Draft Statement of Gambling Policy 2016 attached to this report as Appendix A before the final draft is submitted to Full Council on 19th November 2015.
- (b) A continuation of the resolution not to permit casinos within the County of Monmouthshire before it is submitted to Full Council.

5 To note the date and time of the next meetings

We agreed the date and time of next meetings as:

- Monday 21st September 2015 at 2.00pm Sub Committee meeting
- Tuesday 10th November 2015 at 10.00am

6 Training - Hearing and Licensing Act 2003.

The Chairman confirmed that the training would not be live streamed.

The meeting ended at 10.10 am