

SPECIAL MEETING OF LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 25th April, 2007 at 6.00 p.m.
in Committee Room 2, The Council House, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Councillor Ryder (Chairman)
Councillor Taylor (Vice Chairman)
Councillors Mrs Aston, Blood, Bradney, Mrs Coulter, Donegan, Mrs
Dunn, Mottram, Rogers and Tomkinson

Officers

Assistant Director Legal and Democratic Services, Licensing Officer and
Mr. J.Jablonski (all Directorate of Law and Property).

31 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of
Councillors Mrs Ameson, Ms Craigie, Finch and Woodall

32 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Member made a declaration of interest in accordance with the
Members' Code of Conduct.

33 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Committee held on
7th March, 2007, be approved as a correct record and signed.

34 **GAMBLING PREMISES LICENCE FEES**

A joint report of the Director of Law and Property and Director of Finance
was submitted on proposed fees in respect of gambling premises
licences.

Attached as Appendix 1 to the report submitted was a table of prescribed
permit fees and associated fees set by the Secretary of State, which
could not be varied or amended by the Council. Attached as Appendix 2
to the report submitted was a detailed breakdown of the calculated costs
of administering the Gambling Act Provisions and Appendix 3 to the
report submitted set out a proposed fee structure for the year 2007/08.

The Assistant Director Legal and Democratic Services in his presentation of the content of the report, and its Appendices, reported in particular on the discussions held for the setting of the fees at 75% of the maximum permitted. This figure was broadly in line with what other local authorities were proposing and was also considered to be in accordance with the spirit of guidance received. It was also noted that no response had been received to consultations held on the fees proposed and that the fees would be reviewed in the light of experience prior to consideration in 2008.

RESOLVED

That, arising from consideration of the information contained in the report, the Appendices to the report, submitted and as now reported at the meeting, approval be given to the proposed premises licence fees for 2007/08 relating to the Gambling Act 2005, as set out in Appendix 3 to the report submitted.

The meeting ended at 6.20 pm.

CHAIRMAN