
Licensing Policy Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 5 November 2009

Present:

Councillors Carmody – In the Chair
Councillors Commons, Cowell and Swannick

LPC/09/3 Minutes

Decision

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2009.

LPC/09/4 Review of Gambling Act Policy 2010 – 2012

A report presenting the revised Statement of Gambling Policy, which completed the period of public consultation on 18 October 2009, was submitted for approval by the Committee prior to formal consideration by the Executive and the Council.

Members expressed concern about the inclusion of references relating to the installation in premises of cash points which enabled cash to be withdrawn from credit cards. They felt that this could be interpreted as the Council condoning situations that could give rise to people getting into debt.

Members agreed that if it was possible, references to obtaining credit through withdrawing cash from credit cards should be deleted from the document. If this was not possible, the document should contain a caveat stating the view of the Council in relation to obtaining credit in this way.

In response to questions, members were informed that each application would be assessed individually. Conditions would be added as appropriate to each application. This would, where relevant and appropriate, include references to the number of staff required at premises.

Decision

To approve the proposed amendments to the Gambling Policy Statement 2010 to 2012, subject to the reference to credit detailed above, and refer the document to the Executive and the Council for formal approval.