

**MINUTES of the meeting of Regulatory Committee held at
The Council Chamber, Brockington, 35 Hafod Road,
Hereford on Wednesday, 11th July, 2007 at 10.00 a.m.**

Present: Councillor P Jones CBE (Chairman)
Councillor JW Hope MBE (Vice Chairman)

Councillors: CM Bartrum, DJ Benjamin, PGH Cutter, JHR Goodwin,
R Mills, A Seldon and DC Taylor

22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors ME Cooper and SPA Daniels.

23. NAMED SUBSTITUTES (IF ANY)

There were no named substitutes present at the meeting.

24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

**25. 'SETTING OF FEES IN RESPECT OF PREMISE LICENCES' IN ACCORDANCE
WITH SECTION 212 - GAMBLING ACT 2005**

The Licensing Officer introduced the report of the Head of Environmental Health and Trading Standards. He said that Section 212 of the Gambling Act 2005 made provision for the Council to set fees in respect of premise licences and that at its meeting on 25th May, 2007 Council had delegated this function to the Committee. He advised that the fees had to be calculated on a cost recovery basis, could not make a profit and should not exceed the maximums set out in the Gambling (Premises Licence Fees) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007. He also advised that the fees for premises licences should include an element for overheads and for dealing with illegal gambling in the area. The fees could not include start-up costs and could not be set on the basis of size, rateable value or any other basis. Licensing Authorities had to be transparent about the assumptions they had made in setting their fees which should be published and reviewed on an annual basis. Fees for permits would be set by the Department for Culture Media and Sport (DCMS).

The Committee discussed the proposals and sought clarification about how the fees had been calculated. The Committee agreed with the proposals put forward by the Licensing Officer.

RESOLVED

That the fees presented by the Licencing Officer be approved

The meeting ended at 10.10 a.m.

CHAIRMAN