

Regulatory Committee

Date: Wednesday, 11th July, 2007

Time: **10.00 a.m.**

Place: Prockington 25 Hefod

Brockington, 35 Hafod Road,

Hereford

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County of Herefordshire District Council



AGENDA

for the Meeting of the Regulatory Committee

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

Councillors CM Bartrum, DJ Benjamin, ME Cooper, PGH Cutter, SPA Daniels, JHR Goodwin, R Mills, A Seldon and DC Taylor

Pages

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence.

2. NAMED SUBSTITUTES (IF ANY)

To receive details any details of Members nominated to attend the meeting in place of a Member of the Committee.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest by Members in respect of items on the Agenda.

4. 'SETTING OF FEES IN RESPECT OF PREMISE LICENCES' IN 1 - 2 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 212 - GAMBLING ACT 2005

To consider the proposed fees in respect of premise licences issued under the Gambling Act 2005.

Wards Affected: County-wide

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

Report By: HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND TRADING

STANDARDS

Wards Affected:

County-wide

Purpose:

1. The Committee are asked to consider and approve the proposed fees in respect of premise licences issued under the Gambling Act 2005 (Appendix 1 enclosed separately).

Law:

- 2. Section 212 of the Gambling Act 2005 allows the district council to set its own fees in respect of premise licences. However this function can be delegated under the Act.
- 3. On 25th May this function was delegated by Council to the Regulatory Committee.

Application:

- 4. Any fees set must be calculated on a cost recovery basis. Fees must not exceed the maximums set out in the Gambling (Premises Licence Fees) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007 (These are shown in the grey shaded area of Appendix 1).
- 5. Fees for premises licences should include an element for overheads and for dealing with illegal gambling in the area. The fees must not include start up costs.
- 6. Fees cannot be set on the basis of size, rateable value or any other basis. Licensing authorities must be transparent about the assumptions they have made in setting their fees.
- 7. Fees should be published and reviewed on an annual basis initially. Fees for permits are set centrally by the Department for Culture Media and Sport (DCMS).
- 8. An example as to how the fees have been calculated in respect of an application for New Bingo Club licence I shown at Appendix 2.

Options

- 9. There are three options available to the Council:
 - a) To approve the fees as shown at Appendix 1.
 - b) To amended the fees as shown at Appendix 1.
 - c) To reach some other decision.

Recommendation

That the Committee approve the fees as shown at appendix 1 (to be sent separately)