

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**LICENSING & APPEALS COMMITTEE**

**20 August 2007**

**Report of the Chief Solicitor**

**Part 1- Public**

**Matters for Information**

**1 UPDATE ON MEMBER TRAINING**

1.1.1 Members will be aware that only members who have undergone the prescribed training are authorised to sit on Panels dealing with cases under the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005.

1.1.2 On Monday 6 August, the Council provided some training for members in respect of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005. As a result, the following members of the Committee have been trained to sit on Panels of the Committee when dealing with alcohol and entertainments and gambling licensing cases:

Councillor A Allison, Councillor Ms J Atkinson, Councillor J Balcombe, Councillor O Baldock, Councillor J Clements, Councillor G Court, Councillor Mrs F English, Councillor Mrs E Holland, Councillor P Homewood, Councillor Miss J Sergison, Councillor C Smith and Councillor L Withey.

1.1.3 Arrangements will be made for training for those members who have not had the benefit of training to receive it, should they wish to do so.

**1.2 Legal Implications**

1.2.1 Training is a mandatory requirement for Councillors sitting on hearing panels.

**1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations**

1.3.1 None

**1.4 Risk Assessment**

1.4.1 There is a risk of successful challenge to the licensing authority's decisions if members are not qualified to sit on tribunals.

Background papers:

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Nil

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Chief Solicitor