

## TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

### LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 28th November, 2017

**Present:** Cllr Mrs J A Anderson (Chairman), Cllr O C Baldock,  
Cllr Mrs P A Bates, Cllr Mrs B A Brown, Cllr M A Coffin,  
Cllr B T M Elks, Cllr D Keers, Cllr Mrs F A Kemp, Cllr S M King,  
Cllr R V Roud and Cllr M Taylor

Councillors N J Heslop and A K Sullivan were also present pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs S M Barker (Vice-Chairman), M C Base, H S Rogers and F G Tombolis

#### PART 1 - PUBLIC

##### **LA 17/74 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

##### **LA 17/75 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing and Appeals Committee held on 28 September 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

##### **LA 17/76 MINUTES OF PANEL**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meetings of the Licensing and Appeals Committee sitting as a Panel held on 4 October, 26 October and 17 November 2017 be received and noted.

#### DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 3, PART 3 OF THE CONSTITUTION

##### **LA 17/77 REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES 2018/19 - LICENSING FEES**

The report of the Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer set out details of the proposed scale of fees and charges for 2018/19 in respect of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licences, Pleasure Boats and Boatmen, Scrap Metal Dealers, Animal Licensing, Street Trading Consents and Sex Establishments.

**RESOLVED:** That the proposed scale of fees for licences, consents and registrations, as set out in Annex 1 to the report, be adopted with effect from 1 April 2018.

**LA 17/78 CONSULTATION ON FIXED ODDS BETTING TERMINALS (FOBTS)**

The report of the Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer gave details of a Government consultation on proposals relating to gaming machines and social responsibility measures. It was noted that the number of licences for betting shops in the Borough had remained stable at 10 for many years and no complaints had been received by the Licensing team.

A summary of the questions posed in the consultation had been circulated to Members and responses received in relation to the maximum stakes and prizes, allocation of gaming machines permitted in licensed premises and social responsibility measures for the whole industry were collated for discussion. The Committee endorsed the comments made and considered the need to regulate repeat betting and the frequency of visits to betting shops. Reference was also made to the possibility of reducing advertising and placing a “health warning” on every machine and increasing the levy on premises outside betting shops which had gaming machines. Members were invited to submit any further comments to enable a final response to be produced in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be received and noted and a response be finalised in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

**LA 17/79 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

There were no items considered in private.

The meeting ended at 8.10 pm