

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Licensing Committee

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26 JANUARY
2017**

Present: Councillor Joy (Chairman), and
Councillors Garten, Mrs Grigg, Mrs Hinder, B
Mortimer, Naghi, Newton, Revell, Mrs Ring, Mrs
Robertson, J Sams and Springett

50. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was noted that apologies for absence had been received from Councillor McLoughlin.

51. NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

It was noted that Councillor Ring was substituting for Councillor McLoughlin.

52. NOTIFICATION OF VISITING MEMBERS

There were no Visiting Members.

53. DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no disclosures by Members or Officers.

54. DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING

There were no disclosures of lobbying.

55. TO CONSIDER WHETHER ANY ITEMS SHOULD BE TAKEN IN PRIVATE
BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBLE DISCLOSURE OF EXEMPT INFORMATION.

RESOLVED: That all items on the agenda be taken in public as proposed.

56. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 DECEMBER 2016

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed.

57. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES -
STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES FOR GAMBLING ACT 2005 POLICY

The Head of Housing and Community Services introduced the Draft Statement of Principles for the Gambling Act 2005, and advised the Committee that no responses had been received in reply to the public consultation.

RESOLVED: That:

1. It be noted that no responses to the consultation on the draft Statement of Principles for the Gambling Act 2005 were received.
2. It be agreed that the draft Statement of Principles for the Gambling Act 2005 be recommended to Council for adoption.

For – 12 Against – 0 Abstain - 0

58. **REPORT OF THE HEAD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES - SUMMARY OF LICENSING ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS BY OFFICER**

The Head of Housing and Community Services introduced the report advising Members of the number and type of compliance and enforcement actions undertaken by Licensing Officers.

In response to questions the Licensing Partnership Manager explained that:

- Kent County Council (KCC) was party to the contract for the provision of private hire vehicles during the school run and set the standards required. Joint operations by KCC and MBC were undertaken several times a year to ensure compliance.
- Enforcement actions were reported by Licensing Officers to Line Managers on a monthly basis, and were reported by Line Managers to the Licensing Board quarterly. Each of the Partnership's Licensing Committees received a summary of enforcement actions in the Licensing Partnership Annual Report, however more detail could be provided if requested.
- A press release would be issued with regard to the prosecution detailed in the report.

Following discussion Members were in agreement that the Committee should have the numerical information contained within the report presented to Committee on a quarterly basis.

RESOLVED: That:

1. The Committee be provided with numerical data on compliance and enforcement actions on a quarterly basis.

For – 9 Against – 3 Abstain – 0

2. The report be noted.

For – 12 Against – 0 Abstain – 0

59. DURATION OF MEETINGS

6.30 p.m. to 7.05 p.m.