

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 COMMITTEE HELD AT
COMMITTEE ROOM A - COUNTY HALL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS, POWYS ON
WEDNESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2018**

PRESENT

County Councillor J M Williams (Chair)

County Councillors F H Jump, L V Corfield, H Lewis, K Lewis, I McIntosh, WD Powell, K S Silk and K M Roberts-Jones

1.	APOLOGIES
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Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors L George, J R Jones, D A Thomas, G I S Williams and J Williams and G I S Williams who was on other Council business.

The Chair welcomed Paul Edmunds, Compliance Manager, The Gambling Commission to the meeting.

2.	MINUTES
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The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 16 July, 2018 as a correct record.

3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
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There were no declarations of interest.

4.	CONSULTATION ON DRAFT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES, GAMBLING ACT 2005
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The Committee noted the one comment received on the draft Statement of Principles, Gambling Act 2005, received during the consultation period. This had been received from the local Gambling Commission compliance officer and the changes had been made to the draft Statement.

Paul Edmunds advised that the Statement was similar to that used by other authorities across Wales. He stated that extra conditions are added by authorities to reflect local issues. As an example he advised that in areas such as Cardiff and Swansea, conditions requiring betting shops to have extra staff on duty for big events, such as rugby matches, are included.

The Senior Licensing Officer advised that inspection visits are made to the seven betting shops in Powys and these are undertaken with the local Gambling Commission compliance officer. Officers complete a pro-forma during the visit. She advised that she had a copy available for Members for their visit to the local betting shop after the meeting.

RESOLVED	Reason for decision
That the amendments to the policy as set out in the report following the consultation period be agreed.	In accordance with the Gambling Act 2005 to prepare and publish a Licensing Policy to come into effect January 2019.

RECOMMENDATION	Reason for recommendation
that the Statement of Principles made in accordance with The Gambling Act be approved by the Council at its meeting on 18th October for implementation on 1st January 2019.	In accordance with the Gambling Act 2005 to prepare and publish a Licensing Policy to come into effect January 2019.

Paul Edmunds provided the Committee with an overview of the Gambling Commission's work in respect of both terrestrial and on-line gambling.

The Chair thanked Paul Edmunds for his attendance and noted that he would be joining the Committee on its visit the local betting shop. He also thanked the officers and the Committee for their attendance.

Following the formal meeting the Committee undertook a visit to a local betting shop.

County Councillor J M Williams (Chair)