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LICENSING ACT 2003 COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 7 November 2012

<u>Present:</u>	Councillor	WJ Davies (Chair)	
	Councillors	A Hodson M Hornby A Sykes R Gregson S Niblock	D Roberts J Salter H Smith D Mitchell
<u>Apologies</u>	Councillors	D McCubbin C Povall G Davies	A Leech P Williams

11 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Committee were asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary and non pecuniary interests in connection with any application on the agenda and state the nature of the interest.

Councillors S Niblock and D Roberts both declared a personal interest in minute number 13 (Draft Statement of Principles Under the Gambling Act 2005) by virtue of being Members of the Fire and Rescue Authority.

12 MINUTES

The Committee were requested to receive the minutes of the special meeting held on 25 July, 2012.

Resolved - That the minutes of the special meeting held on 25 July, 2012 be approved as a correct record.

13 DRAFT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES UNDER THE GAMBLING ACT 2005

The Acting Director of Law, HR and Asset Management sought Members' approval of the Draft Statement of Principles under The Gambling Act 2005 in order that it may be presented to Council for approval on 17 December 2012.

The Licensing Manager reported that the draft Statement of Principles had been circulated for consultation subsequent to its approval by Members at the Licensing Committee on 25 July 2012. It was reported that the consultation period had closed on 31 October 2012 and only one response had been received from the National Casino Industry Forum which did not comment on the policy itself but promoted the value of casino premises to the local area.

Councillor Niblock listed a number of minor typographical amendments to be made to the draft document.

Resolved - That the Draft Statement of Licensing Principles be approved as a Draft to be considered by Council on 17 December 2012 for approval as the Licensing Authority's Statement of Principles to be applied under The Gambling Act 2005.

14 **ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS ACCEPTED BY THE CHAIR - CLASSIFICATION OF A FILM IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDANCE ISSUED BY THE BRITISH BOARD OF FILM CLASSIFICATION**

The Licensing Manager reported upon a request received from Martin Wallace to show a film called 'Small Creatures' at The Light Cinema, Marine Point, Kings Parade, New Brighton which was proposed to be screened during Anti Bullying Week, beginning Monday 19 November 2012.

The Licensing Manager reported upon the requirement of the Licensing Act 2003 Committee to consider an appropriate film classification for an unclassified film which was proposed to be shown at Light Cinema, Marine Point, Kings Parade, New Brighton.

The Licensing Manager outlined the synopsis of the film and responded to questions from Members of the Sub-Committee.

Members gave consideration to the synopsis of the film and considered the licensing objective in respect of the protection of children from harm. Members considered that it was necessary for the film to be viewed in order that an appropriate classification be made.

A member of the public addressed the Committee.

Resolved - That the classification of the film 'Small Creatures' be delegated to a Licensing Act 2003 Sub-Committee in order that Members of the Sub-Committee appointed view the film to assist in determining its classification.