## **COMMITTEE PROCESS**

LICENSING ACT 2003	GAMBLING ACT 2005
Time within which hearing is to be held:-	Time within which hearing is to be held:-
<ul> <li>Set out in Schedule 1 – generally 20 working days starting the day after the end of the period for representations.</li> </ul>	- As soon as reasonably practicable after the end of the period for representations
Hearings longer than 1 day to be held on consecutive days.	Hearings longer than 1 day to be held on consecutive days.
Notice of hearing:-	Notice of hearing:-
- Generally 10 working days Shorter periods for tens, interim authority notice (2 days) and review of closure order (5 days)	<ul> <li>Sent so it is received no later than 10 working days before the first day of the hearing</li> </ul>
Notice to be given to:-	Notice to be given to:-
Licence holder/applicant and those who made reps.	- Licence holder, applicant and those who made reps.
Information to be given with notice:-	Information to be given with notice:-
<ul> <li>Rights of the parties</li> <li>Consequences of failing to attend</li> <li>Procedure at hearing</li> <li>Points requiring clarification</li> <li>Copies of relevant reps</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Rights of the parties under reg 8 and 9.</li> <li>Consequences of failure to attend.</li> <li>Procedure at the hearing.</li> <li>Time limit (if any) for informing that the party:- <ul> <li>Wishes to attend.</li> <li>Wishes to be represented.</li> <li>Will be calling witnesses.</li> <li>Wishes to withdraw representations.</li> <li>Is content to have the matter determined without a hearing.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Points requiring clarification</li> </ul>

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	- Copy documents to licence holder/applicant
	- Right to request documents to those making reps.
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Action following notice of hearing:-	
<ul> <li>Parties to return counter notice to include:-</li> <li>Request for permission to call witnesses</li> <li>Whether he will attend/be represented</li> <li>Whether he considers a hearing to be necessary</li> </ul>	
Dispensing with a hearing:-	Dispensing with a hearing:-
All parties give notice that they consider a hearing is unnecessary <u>and</u> the Authority agrees.	All parties notify the Authority that they consent to matter being dispensed with.
Notice that hearing has been dispensed with must be given forthwith	Notice that hearing has been dispensed with must be given as soon as reasonably practicable.
Withdrawal of representations:-	
<ul> <li>In writing up to 24 hours before hearing.</li> <li>Orally at the hearing.</li> </ul>	
Power to extend time:-	Power to extend time:-
<ul> <li>Any time limit can be extended unless it relates to a review following closure order.</li> <li>If time limit is extended a notice to that effect must be given forthwith</li> </ul>	- Applies only to time for determining an application or review following a hearing.

## **HEARING PROCEDURE**

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Postponing/adjourning the hearing:-  - Where it is considered necessary the hearing may be adjourned to a specified date Notice of adjournment must be given forthwith.	If necessary to consider any information or documents.     Or if necessary having regard to the ability of any party, representative or witness to attend.     Notice of adjournment must be given as soon as reasonably practicable.
- General rule that the hearing must be in public May exclude the public if the public interest in excluding the public outweighs the public interest in having a public hearing A party or representative may be regarded as a member of the public.  Failure to attend:-	- General rule that the hearing must be in public May exclude the public if necessary in the circumstances having regard to:  • Any unfairness that is likely to result to a party from a public hearing  • The need to protect as far as possible the commercial or other legitimate interests of a party.  Failure to attend:-
<ul> <li>If a party has indicated they will not attend the hearing may proceed in his absence.</li> <li>If a party has not notified the Authority it may either adjourn the hearing or proceed in his absence.</li> <li>If the hearing proceeds in absence the party's application, representation or notice must be considered.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>If a party has indicated they will not attend the hearing may proceed in his absence.</li> <li>If a party has failed to notify the Authority whether he intends to attend the hearing may proceed in his absence.</li> <li>If a party has left the hearing in circumstances where the committee reasonably concludes he does not intend to participate further the hearing may proceed in his absence.</li> <li>If a party has said they intend to attend but does not the Authority may adjourn if it is in the public interest to do so or proceed in his absence.</li> <li>If the hearing proceed in absence the party's application or representation must be considered.</li> </ul>

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Representation at the hearing:-	Representation at the hearing:-
A party may attend and be assisted or represented by any person whether or not they are legally represented (subject to exclusion of the public or disruptive persons).	A party may attend and be assisted or represented by any person whether or not they are legally represented (subject to exclusion of the public or disruptive persons).
Rights of a party:-	Rights of a party:-
A party has a right to address the committee. A party has a right to give further information on any matter where clarification has been requested.	A party has a right to address the committee. A party has a right to give further information on any matter where clarification has been requested.
Calling Witnesses:-	Calling Witnesses:-
If given permission by the committee following a request in a party's notice of intention	Right to call witnesses to give evidence on a matter relevant to the application or representation.
Questions of other parties:-	Questions of other parties:-
Only if given permission to do so by the committee.	Party must be allowed to question any other party or representative on any relevant matter where the committee considers it appropriate to do so.
Documents in support:-	Documents in support:-
May be considered where produced before the hearing or (with the consent of all parties) at the hearing.	Must be considered if produced before the hearing or at the hearing with the consent of all those in attendance.
Time Limits:	Time Limits:-
All parties must have equal maximum periods of time to exercise their rights.	No provision.
Disruptive Parties:-	Disruptive Parties:-

## Appx 2

May be required to leave and not permitted to return or may impose	May be required to leave and not permitted to return or may impose
conditions on their return.	conditions on their return.
But such a person may before the end of the hearing make submissions in	But such a person may before the end of the hearing make submissions in
writing.	writing.