

LICENSING COMMITTEE AND SUB COMMITTEE PROCEDURE RULES

1. INTERPRETATION

‘The Chair’ means the Chair of the Licensing Committee.

‘The Committee’ means the Licensing Committee or Licensing Sub Committee.

‘The Relevant Regulations’ means the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 SI 2005/44 (as amended) and the Gambling Act 2005 (Proceedings of Licensing Committees and Sub Committees) (Premises Licences and Provisional Statements) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007 SI 2007/173

‘The 2003 Act’ means the Licensing Act 2003

‘The 2005 Act’ means the Gambling Act 2005

2. SCOPE

These Procedure Rules will apply in respect of all matters which are dealt with by the Committee under either the 2003 Act or the 2005 Act.

3. APPLICATION OF COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES/ACCESS TO INFORMATION PROCEDURE RULES

Except where the Relevant Regulations provide differently, the Council Procedure Rules and Access to Information Procedure Rules (in so far as they apply to committees and sub-committees) will be followed for all meetings of the Committee.

4. APPLICATION OF THE RELEVANT REGULATIONS

The provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 shall apply to any hearings conducted under the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003¹ and in the event of any conflict between the Relevant Regulations and the Council Procedure Rules/Access to Information Procedure Rules in relation to such hearings the provisions of the Relevant Regulations shall prevail.

The provisions of the Gambling Act 2005 (Proceedings of Licensing Committees and Sub Committees) (Premises Licences and Provisional Statements) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007 shall apply to the exercise of functions under Section 162 (1) and (2) and Section 201 (4) of the Gambling Act 2005 and in the event of any conflict between the Relevant Regulations and the Council Procedure Rules/Access to Information Procedure Rules in relation to the exercise of such functions the provisions of the Relevant Regulations shall prevail.

¹ Hearings are defined as those matters referred to in column 1 of schedule 1 to the regulations.

5. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

The Authority shall appoint the Chair of the Licensing Committee at its AGM.

The Chair of each Licensing Sub-Committee shall be elected by the Sub-Committee at the start of each meeting.

6. QUORUM

Five Members (including the Chair) shall form a quorum for meetings of the Licensing Committee.

Three Members shall normally form a quorum for meetings of a Licensing Sub-Committee.

In exceptional circumstances, such as illness or unanticipated non availability of a Sub-Committee Member, it shall be possible for a sub-committee to conduct a hearing with only two Members present provided that

- Attempts have been made to identify a Member who can substitute for the Member who is not available without success and
- The parties present agree to a quorum of two and
- The resultant decision is unanimous

The Large Casino Sub-committee and the Sexual Entertainment Venues (SEVs) Sub-committee may not operate to a quorum of less than 3 Members present.

Except where authorised by statute, business shall not be transacted at a meeting unless a quorum is present.

7. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Allocation

No substitute Members are appointed for the Licensing Committee.

In relation to each ordinary business Licensing Sub-Committee, the Licensing Committee has appointed substitute Members, comprising all other Members of the Licensing Committee.

Substitution

A substitute Member shall be entitled to attend in place of a regular Member provided that the Committee Clerk has been notified of this before the meeting begins. Once the meeting has begun, the regular Member in respect of whom notification has been received, shall no longer be entitled to attend that agenda item as a Member of the Licensing Sub-Committee concerned.

Powers and duties

A substitute Member will have all the powers and duties of any regular Member of the Licensing Sub-Committee but will not be able to exercise any special powers or duties exercisable by the person for whom s/he is substituting.

A substitute Member shall be for all purposes a duly appointed Member of the Licensing Sub-Committee to which s/he is appointed as a substitute Member for the meeting in question and shall have the like duties, powers and responsibilities as the member whom s/he is replacing.

8. MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Chair of the Committee or the Chief Executive may call a meeting at any time.

A special meeting of the Committee may be called on the requisition of any 3 Members of the Committee delivered in writing to the Chief Executive. The summons to such a special meeting shall set out the business to be considered and no business other than that set out in the summons shall be considered at that meeting.