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**REPORT OF LICENSING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**


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**MEETING HELD ON 16 JUNE 2005**


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Chair:	* Councillor Idaikkadar	
Councillors:	Arnold	Dharmarajah
	* Mrs Bath	* Ann Groves
	* Billson	* Knowles
	* Blann	* Vina Mithani
	* Branch	* John Nickolay
	* Choudhury	* O'Dell
	* Janet Cowan	Ray

\* Denotes Member present

**PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS - NIL**
**PART II - MINUTES**
**63. Attendance by Reserve Members:**

**RESOLVED:** To note that no Reserve Members were included in the Committee's membership.

**64. Declarations of Interest:**

**RESOLVED:** To note that no declarations of interests were made in relation to the business on the agenda.

**65. Arrangement of Agenda:**

**RESOLVED:** That all items on the agenda be considered with the press and public present.

**66. Minutes:**

**RESOLVED:** That (1) the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 7 March 2005, having been circulated, be taken as read and signed as a correct record; and

(2) the minutes of the Special meeting held on 16 May 2005 be deferred until printed in the Council Bound Minute Volume.

**67. Public Questions, Petitions and Deputations:**

**RESOLVED:** To note that no public questions were put, or petitions or deputations received at this meeting under the provisions of Committee Procedure Rules 18, 15 and 16 (Part 4B of the Constitution) respectively.

**68. Gambling Act 2005, Information:**

The Chief Environmental Health Officer presented a report detailing the impending legislative changes due to take effect once the new statutory duties were discharged to Local Authorities, following the release of relevant guidance from the Gaming Commission.

The Gambling Act 2005 established a new Regulator, the Gambling Commission, and gave new powers to Local Authorities. The Gambling Commission would replace the Gaming Board, and would assume responsibility for licensing bookmakers, gaming machines, casinos, lottery manufacturers etc.

At this early stage, consultation and the financial implications had not been considered but they would be following the release of the relevant Government announcement, legislation and guidance.

**RESOLVED:** The report be received and noted.

**69. Licensing Act 2003 - Decisions Made Under Delegated Authority:**

The Chief Environmental Health Officer reported on applications which had fallen within officers' delegated powers and which had been granted licences, as required under the Licensing Act 2003.

**RESOLVED:** That (1) further to a request at the meeting, officers send monthly updates of delegated granted applications to Members; and

(2) the report be received and noted.

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 7.00 pm, closed at 7.20 pm).

(Signed) COUNCILLOR THAYA IDAIKKADAR  
Chair