## COUNCIL

#### **23 NOVEMBER 2015**

At the meeting of Watford Borough Council held at the Town Hall, Watford on Monday, 23rd November, 2015.

Present: Chairman (Councillor K Hastrick)

The Mayor (Dorothy Thornhill)

Councillors N Bell, S Bolton, I Brown, J Brown, K Collett, J Connal, S Counter, K Crout, G Derbyshire, J Dhindsa,

F Ewudo, M Haley, M Hofman, S Johnson, A Joynes, R Martins,

M Mills, A Rindl, T Rogers, D Scudder, I Sharpe, S Silver, P Taylor, L Topping, M Turmaine, D Walford, M Watkin,

M Whitman, S Williams and T Williams

Officers: Head of Democracy and Governance

Democratic Services Manager

Corporate and External Communications Section Head Environmental Health and Licensing Section Head

Licensing Manager

Committee and Scrutiny Support Officer (IS)

Licensing Officer

### 48 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bashir, Mauthoor, Mehta and Shah.

### 49 **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

There were no disclosures of interest.

# 50 GAMBLING ACT 2005 STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

Council received a report of the Head of Community and Customer Services seeking approval of the Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005 to take effect from 6 January 2016.

## **RESOLVED:**

- That the Council adopts the Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005 as set out at appendix 1, to take effect from 6 January 2016 upon the expiry of the existing policy.
- 2. The Council resolves under section 166 of the Gambling Act 2005 that from 5 December 2015 it will not issue any casino

premises licences as it believes a casino would detract from its aspiration to create a safe, prosperous and family-friendly town centre.

Chairman

The Meeting started at 7.30 pm and finished at 7.55 pm