

**LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE**  
**15th July, 2008**

**PRESENT** – Councillors Dunstone, J. Lyonette and Nutt. (3)

**LS21. ELECTION OF CHAIR – RESOLVED** – That Councillor Nutt be appointed Chair for this meeting only.

**LS22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

**LS23. APPLICATION FOR PREMISES LICENCE – GAMBLING ACT 2005 – Gala Bingo** – The Director of Corporate Services submitted a report (previously circulated) to consider an application under the Gambling Act 2005 from Gala Leisure Limited for a Premises Licence in respect of Gala Club Area 2, 37 Skinnergate, Darlington.

Representations had been made the Licensing Authority as a Responsible Authority with a view that the application in respect of the new premises licence did not qualify as a premises in that it was not a discrete premises and that the application was contrary to Parliamentary policy to limit the number of high payout machines as there will be eight Category B machines within one premise.

Mr. J. Browning-Smith, on behalf of the Applicant Company, addressed the meeting and requested an adjournment for three months in order to await the outcome of a Government Consultation document on Bingo Halls and a Gambling Commission consultation and also to ensure legal representation at the Sub-Committee.

Members discussed the request for an adjournment in private session.

**RESOLVED** – That, at the request of the applicants, an adjournment be granted for a reasonable time, with a future date to be agreed between all parties as soon as possible.