

**CABINET  
HELD ON 5 APRIL 2006  
(FROM 5.30 PM TO 5.54 PM)**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Dr Gardner in the Chair. Councillors Cooper, Ellington, Pat Jones, Skidmore and Sturdy.

**Late Arrivals:** None.

**Early Departures:** None.

147/05 - **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Jean Butterfield.

(5.30 pm)

148/05 - **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Councillor Cooper declared a personal interest relating to any reference on the agenda to Harrogate International Centre arising from the use of the facility by his employer for conference purposes.

(5.30 pm)

149/05 - **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 8 March 2006 were unanimously approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

(5.30 pm)

150/05 - **EXEMPT INFORMATION:** The report referred to at Minute 155 /05 below was regarded as exempt in accordance with paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended. Discussion on the item was, however, held in open session.

(5.30 pm)

**MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION**

151/05 - **DCMS CONSULTATION – GAMBLING ACT 2005 CASINO**

**PROPOSALS:** The Director, Harrogate International Centre submitted a written report on the proposed response to be made to the Casino Advisory Panel of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) following the introduction of the Gambling Act 2005 under which three new types of Casino were now permitted to operate within the country. The legislation allowed for the establishment of regional casinos, with eight large and eight small casinos being permitted to operate within each region. Attached as an Appendix to the Director's Report was a submission to be made to the Panel, which in turn would make recommendations to the Secretary of State, for the establishment of a small casino in the town of Harrogate. Operator interest suggested that, subject to the Secretary of State nominating Harrogate for a small casino, such a facility would be developed. However the proposals in the Gambling Act currently provided for only one regional

casino within the UK together with eight large and eight small casinos. There was, therefore, no guarantee that Harrogate's submission would be accepted, nor was it known how many submissions would be made from other areas.

**RECOMMENDED (UNANIMOUSLY):**

That the submission attached to the report as Appendix 1 be approved and form the response to the Casino Advisory Panel's invitation to submit proposals.

(5.31pm)

152/05 - **STATION PARADE HARROGATE – WAY FORWARD:** The Director of Development Services submitted a written report which sought to agree the Council's position on a number of key issues in order to assist in the marketing process of land for development identified in the Development Brief for Station Parade, Harrogate.

Cabinet held the view that consideration of this matter was premature pending the resolution of outstanding boundary and ownership issues and therefore, considered deferral of the matter.

**RECOMMENDED (UNANIMOUSLY):**

That consideration of this issue be deferred to the next meeting of Cabinet.

(5.31 pm – 5.32 pm)