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<b><u>PRESENT:</u></b>	Councillors	VS	Neeson, JP (Chairman)
		BA	Brady, JP
		JM	Clews, QSO, JP
		MFP	Chan, JP
		MM	Jolley
		JP	Lawley, JP
		PG	Mitchell
	Deputy Mayor PA		Hulse (ex officio)
<b><u>OBSERVER:</u></b>	Councillor	WW	Flaunty, QSM, JP (Deputy Chairman)
<b><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></b>			Director Community Wellbeing Group Manager: Cultural and Social Strategy Team Leader: Legal Regulatory Wellbeing Collaboration Project Manager Strategic Partnerships Advisor: Ethnic Communities Principal Planner Sale of Liquor Inspector Section Administrator: J Green Project Administrator: K Schuster Committee Secretary: D Tukutama C Fernandes

**3 GAMBLING VENUE POLICY**

- 9.31 am The meeting reconvened and hearing continued.
- 9.32 am **David Crickmer (Submission - 170)**  
(Bruce McLaren Intermediate School)
- The Bruce McLaren Intermediate School supports maintaining the status quo of the current cap on venue and machine numbers as stated in the existing policy;
  - They believe The Trusts Charitable Foundation Inc play a key role in the Waitakere community, and given the current recession, a change in policy would further strain the function of community groups in Waitakere;
  - Bruce McLaren Intermediate School have benefited from funding from The Trusts Charitable Foundation Inc and depend on this funding as a resource to support various educational programmes at the school.
- 9.38 am **Wayne Leighton (Submission - 303)**  
(Royal Road Primary School)
- Royal Road Primary School supports maintaining the status quo of the current cap on venue and machine numbers as stated in the existing policy;
  - Over the years, Royal Road Primary School have had funding from other sources cease, however funding from The Trusts Charitable Foundation Inc continues to be major contributor for developing the educational infrastructure.
  - Without the support of The Trusts the school would be greatly disadvantaged and compromised.

- 9.50 am **Graham Aitken (Submission - 369)**  
(Resident)
- As a resident of Waitakere he supports the Sinking Lid option for the Waitakere Gambling Venue Policy;
  - He questioned the sustainability of the current model, and the sustainability of deprived areas continuing to contribute to the gaming funding;
  - Also noted, what difference would it make if this funding was ratepayer funded to ensure overall a more balanced equitable source of funding;
  - Also suggested to develop a program and timetable of shifting pokies out of deprived areas and relocating them to venues located in wealthier areas.
- 10.10 am **Jarrod True (Submission - 346)**  
(New Zealand Racing Board)
- The New Zealand Racing Board supports maintaining the status quo with amendments to the existing policy;
  - Requested that the policy be amended to allow the current cap to be increased by six machines and that the total number of venues remain constant;
  - Also noted a Sinking Lid policy is unlikely to reduce problem gambling, but will reduce the funding available to community groups in Waitakere;
  - Also requested if a sinking lid policy is adopted that the policy should not apply to TAB Venues, only to gaming venues.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

1284/2009

MOVED by Cr Neeson, seconded Cr Lawley:

That the meeting and hearing stand adjourned until 10.50 am.

**CARRIED**

- 10.40 am The meeting and hearing adjourned.
- 10.50 am The meeting reconvened and the hearing continued.
- 10.51 am The Planning and Regulatory Committee, with the consent of the meeting held a public excluded session, to clarify technical questions with the Team Leader: Legal Regulatory, the Wellbeing Collaboration Project Manager and the Sale of Liquor Inspector.
- 11.44 am The hearing concluded.
- 11.45 am The Planning and Regulatory Committee deliberated on the Gambling Venue Policy.

1285/2009

MOVED by Cr Lawley, seconded Cr Chan:

The Planning and Regulatory Committee resolved to:

**Agree** to recommend to the Council that Council include in the Gambling Venue Policy, the following policy option:

- b. *Including a sinking lid policy, where the cap on venue and machine numbers as stated in the existing policy will reduce each time a venue closes and no new venues be permitted.*

**DIVISION**

A Division was called for:

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Cr Neeson	Cr Clews
Cr Brady	Cr Jolley
Cr Chan	Cr Mitchell
Cr Hulse	
Cr Lawley	

**CARRIED**

1286/2009

MOVED by Cr Clews, seconded Cr Mitchell:

The Planning and Regulatory Committee resolved to:

**Agree** to recommend to the Council that Council approve the amendments to the Gambling Venue Policy (noted in Paragraphs 41 and 45 of the agenda report) and as reflected in the amended Sinking Lid policy option (Section 6: Restriction on Venue and Machine Consents) attached at page A20 of the agenda with a new point 6.7 as follows:

Point 6.7

In the event of:

- (a) A compulsory acquisition of a venue under the Public Works Act 1981; or
- (b) A venue loses its assets and contents through natural disaster such as flood, fire or earthquake or such other natural disaster, where an independent report from the Fire Service of New Zealand or the Earthquake Commission proves that the event was not caused by the actions or inactions of the venue consent holder,

A new consent may be issued for a new venue. This exception would mean that venue consent holders are not prejudiced as a result of circumstances that are outside of their control.

**CARRIED**

12.27 pm

The Chairman thanked Members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED AT A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE HELD ON:

**DATE:**.....

**CHAIRMAN:**.....