

Licensing Committee – 25 June 2007

Minutes of the meeting of the **Licensing Committee** held on **25 June 2007** when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr Mrs B J Wilkins
Vice-Chairman: Cllr Mrs J A Mockford

Cllr Mrs P Aves
Cllr J P Cottis
Cllr Mrs L M Cox
Cllr T G Cutmore
Cllr K A Gibbs
Cllr T G Goodwin

Cllr K H Hudson
Cllr A J Humphries
Cllr T Livings
Cllr R A Oatham
Cllr Mrs C A Weston

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs J Dillnutt.

OFFICERS PRESENT

R Evans	- Head of Environmental Services
K Doyland	- Licensing Manager
J Bostock	- Principal Committee Administrator
M Power	- Committee Administrator

204 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee Meeting held on 5 December 2006 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

205 REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Environmental Services, which detailed proposed changes to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

During debate, and in response to questions, officers advised that:-

- The draft document has been based on Government guidance that has yet to be ratified. It would be appropriate to indicate this in the preface.
- In order to obviate the need for further amendments, it would be possible for this Policy to be amended to encompass possible future changes in the Committee structure/designation.
- It would be for the police to recommend the introduction of a Cumulative Impact Policy. These cannot be introduced retrospectively.
- The majority of new applications are for existing premises previously licensed.

- The term ‘they must also be given in writing’ should be added to paragraph 1.36.
- That, for the purposes of clarity, it would appropriate to remove the words from paragraph 1.60 ‘once they are beyond the direct control of the licensee of any premises concerned. However,’
- Numbers or letters could replace bullet points within the documentation

Resolved

- (1) That the revised ‘Statement of Licensing Policy’ be approved for consultation, subject to the following amendments:-
 - The Policy be amended to encompass possible future changes in the political structure/designation.
 - Adding of the words, ‘They must also be given in writing’ after the words, ‘written form’ in paragraph 1.36.
 - Deletion of the wording ‘once they are beyond the direct control of the licensee of any premises concerned. However,’ in paragraph 1.60.
 - Numbers or letters replacing bullet points where possible.

That a further report be submitted to this Committee detailing the consultation responses received. (HES)

206 VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION ACT 2006

The Committee received the report of the Head of Environmental Services appraising Members of the implications of the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006. The implications of the Act were noted.

The meeting closed at 3.03 pm.

Chairman

Date

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