

LICENSING COMMITTEE

6 FEBRUARY 2007

Present: County Councillor Griffiths (Chairperson);
County Councillors Bridges, Evans, Holland, Michaelis, Michaelis,
Derrick Morgan, Parsons, Rowland-James, Smith, Thomas and Walsh

L15 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2007 were approved by the Committee as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

L16 : VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION ACT 2006

The Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006 received Royal Assent on 8 November 2006. Members received a report providing information on the implications of the Act for the Licensing Authority.

In January 2005, the Government's consultation paper "Drinking Responsibly – The Government's Proposals" set out proposals to introduce drinking banning orders, for local authorities to designate Alcohol Disorder Zones (ADZs) and to charge licensed premises for the cost of dealing with alcohol-related crime. The Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006 gave these proposals effect.

Additionally, the Act amended the Licensing Act 2003 to include providing a fast-track for the summary review of a Premises Licence associated with crime and disorder. It created an offence premises selling alcohol to underage persons which could result in the possible suspension of the premises licence.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted and the Chief Strategic Planning and Environment Officer and the Operational Manager (Consumer Protection) be delegated authority to meet the functions and duties imposed on the authority by the Violent Crime Reduction Act and any related Regulations.

L17 : ALCOHOL MISUSE ISSUES - DPPW REPORT

The Committee received a report from the Directors of Public Protection in Wales (DPPW) addressing the issues around excess drinking and managing the night-time economy. The report highlighted the contribution of the public protection services to public safety and health protection and improvements in relation to excess alcohol consumption and other aspects of the night time economy.

A number of notable practices have been identified in the report, all of which have been implemented in Cardiff.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.