

LICENSING COMMITTEE

6 NOVEMBER 2007

Present: County Councillor Smith (Chairperson);
County Councillors Bridges, Evans, Goddard, Griffiths,
Holland, Michaelis, Thomas and Walsh

Apologies: County Councillors Derrick Morgan and Rowland-James

L3 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2007 were approved by the Committee as a correct record.

L4 : REVIEW OF THE STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY 2007

Officers presented a report requesting the Committee's approval to submit a reviewed version of the Statement of Licensing Policy to full Council for approval.

The previous Statement of Licensing Policy had proven to be an effective document. However, the Licensing Act 2003 requires that it be reviewed every 3 years. The Authority consulted stakeholders, responsible Authorities and carried out a public consultation and amended the policy in accordance with the comments received. A summary of those comments were contained within the report.

RESOLVED – That the Statement of Licensing be commended to the Council for approval prior to its publication.

L5 : SUMMARY REVIEW PROCEDURE - VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION ACT 2006

The Committee received a report on the Summary Review Procedure introduced by the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006.

As reported to the Committee previously the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006 introduced new sections into the Licensing Act 2003, enabling the Authority to provide an accelerated review of a Premises Licence in certain circumstances.

The new procedure provides for a Senior Police Officer to certify that licensed premises are associated with serious crime and disorder when making an application for review. On receiving such an application the authority must arrange to consider the application for review within 48 hours. Consideration would need to be given as to whether it is necessary to take interim steps pending a full review of the licence, which must take place within 28 days. Members also received details of the options open to them when taking such interim measures and were informed that these measures may be imposed immediately. A licence holder has the right of appeal against the decision which has to be heard by a Licensing Sub-Committee within 48 hours of the request for appeal being received.

RESOLVED – That it be noted that as a result of the introduction of a Summary Review procedure it may be necessary for meetings of the Licensing Sub Committee to take place within a 48 hour period.

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Chairperson