

LICENSING COMMITTEE

2 November 2010

Present: County Councillor Bridges (Chairperson);
County Councillors Cox, Grant, Goddard, Kelloway,
Derrick Morgan, Elgan Morgan and Smith

Apology: County Councillor Ford and Griffiths

L12 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2010 were approved by the Committee as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

L13 : REVIEW OF THE STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY 2010

Under the Licensing Act 2003 each licensing authority must produce a Statement of Licensing Policy (SLP) setting out how the authority will deal with premises licensing applications. The legislation requires that the authority's SLP be published for a three-year period. The previous SLP was approved in February 2007.

The licensing authority consulted the responsible parties, stakeholders and carried out a public consultation and amended the SLP in accordance with the comments received. Members received details of the changes to the SLP.

The Committee were asked to note that, in relation to the St Mary Street Saturation Zone, the SLP had been amended to include reference to off-licence premises, whereby, in future, there would be a presumption that all new applications for off-licence premises within the saturation zone would be deemed to be refused. The Members of the Committee requested that a similar reference, to off-licences in particular, also be included in the special saturation policy for City Road/Crwys Road. Members considered that off-licences contribute to the alcohol related incidents of crime and disorder occurring in that area also.

The Committee discussed the possibility of extending the St Mary Street

Saturation Zone into areas that were adjacent to its current boundary. Officers advised that this proposal was being considered. However, such a decision would need to be evidence based.

The Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee were currently undertaking a Task and Finish Group inquiry into the night time economy in Cardiff. Members questioned whether it would be possible to change the SLP once the Scrutiny Committee inquiry had been concluded. Officer advised that this would be possible.

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

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Chairperson