
Meeting of the Cabinet – 27th October 2010

Report of the Director of Corporate Resources

Review of Licensing Policy

Purpose

1. To consider the recommendation of the Licensing and Safety Committee in relation to the review of the Licensing Policy, following consultation with relevant authorities and parties, and to recommend approval of the policy to full Council.

Background

2. The Licensing Act 2003 requires the Council to review and publish a statement of its Licensing Policy every three years.
3. The original Licensing Policy was approved on 6th December 2004 by full council and published on 7th February 2005. This was subsequently reviewed in March 2007 with the addition of the Cumulative Impact Policy.
4. The Licensing and Safety Committee recommended approval to the Council of the current Licensing Policy on 13th November 2007 which was followed by Council approval on 3rd December 2007. The Licensing Policy was published on 7th January 2008 and came into force on 7th February, 2008.
5. In May 2010 letters were sent to the statutory consultees and a wide number of organisations informing them of the revision of the Licensing Policy, inviting their comments by 31st August 2010 and directing them to the Licensing Web Site where a draft Licensing Policy could be viewed.
6. There is a comprehensive list of consultees on pages 46 and 47 of the Licensing Policy.
7. A copy of the draft revision of the Licensing Policy can be found on the Council's website, which can be accessed via <http://www.dudley.gov.uk/index.asp?pgid=13517>

8. A copy of a table showing the comments received from the consultees is attached as appendix 1 to this report.
9. The Licensing and Safety Committee at a meeting held on 8th September, 2010, resolved to recommend Cabinet that the Licensing Policy, as revised, be recommended to Council for approval.

Finance

10. There are no financial implications to the Council

Law

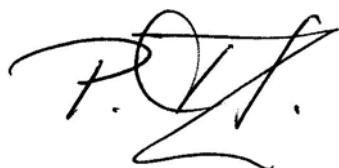
11. Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 requires the Council to prepare and publish a statement of its Licensing Policy every three years .
12. Section 5 – 8 of the Licensing Act 2003 allows for the policy to be determined by full Council.

Equal Opportunities

13. This report complies with the Council's policy on equal opportunities
14. The Licensing Policy will impact on children and young people by their attendance at premises licensed by the Council
15. There has been no direct consultation with children and young people in developing these proposals. However Children's Services have been consulted on the review of the Licensing Policy

Recommendation

16. That the Council be recommended to approve the Licensing Policy, as revised..



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