

SPECIAL MEETING OF LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 13th November, 2007 at 6.00 p.m.
in Committee Room 2, The Council House, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Councillor Ryder (Chairman)
Councillors Mrs Ameson, Mrs Aston, Mrs Coulter, Mrs Cowell, Mrs Dunn,
J Finch, Nottingham, Taylor and Woodall.

Officers

Assistant Director Legal and Democratic Services, Licensing Officer and
Mr J Jablonski (Directorate of Law and Property).

14 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of
Councillors D Blood, J Martin and Tomkinson.

15 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Member made a declaration of interest in accordance with the
Members' Code of Conduct.

16 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 25th
September, 2007, be approved as a correct record and signed.

17 **LICENSING POLICY**

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on a review
of the Licensing Policy.

In his presentation of the content of the report, and Appendices, the
Assistant Director Legal and Democratic Services referred to the letters
that have been sent to the responsible Authorities and interested
persons/bodies as part of the consultation undertaken on the review of
Licensing Policy.

A copy of the draft revision of the Licensing Policy was attached as Appendix 1 to the report submitted. Appendix 2 to the report set out comments received from consultees and a copy of a letter received from the British Beer and Pub Association was attached as Appendix 3 to the report.

Consideration was then given to each Appendix in turn. In respect of Appendix 3 a presentation was also given on suggested responses to the points raised in that appendix, a copy of which was circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the current Licensing Policy as updated by the additions and deletions indicated in Appendix 1 to the report submitted be approved.
- (2) That the proposed responses to the consultee comments as set out in Appendix 2 to the report submitted be endorsed.
- (3) That, in respect of the following points contained in the letter from the British Beer and Pub Association, Appendix 3 to the report submitted: -
 - (a) no change be made in respect of the content of paragraph 2.2 of the Policy.
 - (b) no change be made in respect of the content of paragraph 2.3 of the Policy.
 - (c) it be noted that the updated paragraph 2.9 of the Policy addresses the concerns of the Association.
 - (d) the suggested wording in respect of paragraphs 2.11, 3.5, 4.3 and 4.4, as indicated in the presentation document circulated at the meeting, be approved for inclusion in the Policy.
 - (e) the point made in respect of paragraph 8.10 be noted.
 - (f) in respect of paragraph 9.2 no change be made with regard to risk assessments and that the reference to maximum occupancy figures be deleted as suggested.
 - (g) the suggested addition to paragraph 16.6, as indicated in the presentation document circulated at the meeting, be approved for inclusion in the Policy.

- (4) That the Licensing Policy as updated in accordance with the foregoing decisions be referred for approval to the meeting of the Council to be held on 3rd December, 2007.

The meeting at 7.00 pm

CHAIRMAN