

DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE – 13TH NOVEMBER 2007

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF LAW AND PROPERTY

LICENSING POLICY

Purpose

1. For the Committee to give consideration to the approval of the review of the Licensing Policy.

Background

2. The Licensing Act 2003 requires the Council to review and publish a statement of its Licensing Policy every three years.
3. The Committee recommended approval to the Council of the original Licensing Policy on the 22nd November 2004, which was followed by Council approval on the 6th December 2004. The Licensing Policy was published 7th January 2005 and came into force on the 7th February 2005.
4. The Policy was reviewed in March 2007 with the addition of the Cumulative Impact Policy.
5. In September 2007, letters were sent to:-
 - a) The Chief Officer of Police;
 - b) The Fire Authority for the area;
 - c) Persons/bodies representative of local holders of premises licences;
 - d) Persons/bodies representative of local holders of club certificates;
 - e) Persons/bodies representative of local holders of personal licences; and,
 - f) Persons/bodies representative of businesses and residents in the area.
6. The Licensing Section has consulted with all the above bodies and there is a comprehensive list of consultees attached as an appendix to the Licensing Policy.
7. A copy of the draft revision of the Licensing Policy is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
8. A copy of a table showing the comments received from the consultees is attached as Appendix 2 to this report.

- 9 A copy of the letter received from the British Beer & Pub Association is attached to this report as Appendix 3.

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 Sections 5-8 of the Licensing Act 2003 allow for the Policy to be determined by full Council.

Equality Impact

- 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 Committee approve the Licensing Policy.

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List of background papers