

Licensing Policy Committee

Minutes of a meeting held on 23 July 2010

Acting under Delegated Powers

Present: Councillor Hitchen – In the Chair.
Councillors Ankers, Chohan, Commons, N Murphy and Royle

LP/10/1 Revised Licensing Act Policy 2011 - 2014

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Street Management and Enforcement presenting a draft statement on the revised Statement of Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003, and outlining the methods by which it was proposed to secure engagement in a consultation process.

Councillor Commons expressed the view that as the Licensing regime was now under the control of the Home Office there may be some changes in the near future implemented from Government and it may be prudent to delay the Council's policy until these changes are known. However, officers indicated that the timetable for the implementation of the new policy is quite prescriptive and it would be more appropriate to commence the consultation process and amend the policy as necessary when new guidance was issued from the Home Office.

Decision

1. To agree the attached draft revised statement of policy be consulted on.
2. To request officers to consult the statutory consultees and other appropriate persons in accordance with the proposed consultation strategy.
3. To request officers to bring a further report to the Committee following that consultation, detailing any consultation responses and any consequential proposed amendments to the draft policy.