

## **Licensing Policy Committee**

### **Minutes of a meeting held on 29 April 2013**

#### **Acting under Delegated Powers**

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

Apologies: Councillor Lewis

#### **LP/13/03 Minutes**

#### **Decision**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held 21 January 2013.

#### **LP/13/04 Review of the Licensing Policy for Withington**

Consideration was given to the report of the Strategic Director of Neighbourhood Services that presented the Committee with the advice obtained following the Committee's recommendation that officers obtain further independent legal advice in respect of a Cumulative Impact policy for Withington (LP/13/02)

The report advised the Committee that the advice obtained confirmed that there was not enough evidence in relation to the Withington area to justify a policy presumption against the granting or extension of further licences in relation to the cumulative impact of licensed premises within the area.

However, it was suggested that an alternative special policy approach could be adopted, whereby the policy established a higher threshold against which an applicant would be expected to demonstrate their ability to promote the licensing objectives, having particular regard to pro-actively addressing the issues experienced within the Withington area.

The report presented the Committee members with the revised draft policy having regard for the above recommendation and advised that the special policy area shall be known as the Withington Stress Area in order to reflect a differentiation from the Cumulative Impact and Saturation Policy in respect of Fallowfield/Wilmslow Road.

If approved by the Committee the report proposed that a targeted 6 week consultation process be conducted on the proposed revisions. In relation to the special policy for the Withington Stress Area, it is proposed to directly consult the licence holders within the proposed Stress Area, as well as anybody who responded to the original consultation.

In regard to the undeveloped land at the corner of Egerton Road and Clifton Avenue, and the land at the rear of the Ram and Shackle including the Ram Lodge, it is

proposed to directly consult the affected landowners of the respective land or property.

Further the report also proposed revisions to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy to reflect changes brought about by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2012 and Live Music Act 2012.

### **Decision**

The Committee approve:

1. The proposed changes to the Policy as set out at Sections 3, 4 and 5 of the report, and
2. The proposed consultation process as set out at Section 6 of the report.
3. That a review of this Policy to be undertaken at the same time as the review of the Cumulative Impact Policy for Fallowfield.