

Licensing Policy Committee

Minutes of a meeting held on 3 October 2017

Acting under Delegated Powers

Present: Councillor Longsden (Chair).
Councillors Ludford and N. Murphy.

LPC/17/01 Minutes

Decision

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 2015.

LPC/17/02 Draft special policy for the Ancoats and New Islington Development Framework area

The report was presented by the Principal Licensing Officer and proposed revisions to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy to introduce a new special policy for the Ancoats and New Islington Development Framework area.

The policy recognised that licensed premises are an integral part of our communities and the licensing policy is a key tool in ensuring the different circumstances of our neighbourhoods are taken into account.

With this in mind, special policies have been established for specific areas of the city in Section 5 of the policy. These policies are designed to represent a specific response to particular circumstances for the area.

In December 2016, the Council updated the Ancoats and New Islington Neighbourhood Development Framework (NDF), which was originally approved by Manchester City Council's Executive Committee in October 2014.

The Neighbourhood Development Framework has been established to ensure that there is clearer specific guidance and development principles for both these areas that will support future residential growth as part of the planned expansion of the city centre in the next ten to 15 years.

The updated Framework set out that no licences would be granted beyond 11pm. Therefore, in order to align the Licensing Policy with the strategic vision of the Council, it is proposed to establish a special licensing policy for the Ancoats and New Islington Neighbourhood Development Framework area.

Data produced to support the proposal shows a clear correlation between the night time economy and crime, especially during the later hours.

The Committee questioned whether Temporary Event Notices could also be included to prevent events taking place after 11pm in the special policy, and were told that there was no basis in the legislation that would allow for this. Officers confirmed that TEN applications are considered on a case by case basis and would only be examined if objections were received.

Officers also confirmed that the Planning regime is being utilised to try to restrict very late night uses, but that enforcement is difficult.

The Committee were told that there will be a 12 week consultation period on the proposals that will start as soon as possible. The consultation will be published on the Council website, and promoted to residents and business owners with help from community resources and organisations.

Decision

1. To note the proposed Special Policy as set out at Appendix 4 of the report;
2. To approve the policy to go out to public consultation as set out in Section 7 of the report.