

**Licensing and Safety Committee – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2007**

**Report of the Director of Law and Property**

**Review of The Licensing Policy**

**Purpose of Report**

- 1 For the Committee to consider approval of the proposed revisions made to the Licensing Policy.

**Background**

2. The Licensing Act 2003 requires the Council to prepare and publish a statement of its Licensing Policy every three years. During the three year period, the policy must be kept under review and the licensing authority make such revisions to it as it considers appropriate.
3. The Licensing and Safety Committee resolved that the Licensing Policy should be recommended to the Council for approval at their meeting of the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2004 and the policy was subsequently approved by Council at the Council meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> December 2004.
4. On the 21<sup>st</sup> August 2006 the Licensing and Safety Committee recommended that the Council approve the adoption of a special Liquor Licensing Policy regarding the Cumulative Impact of licensed premises in Stourbridge Town Centre. This special policy was approved by the Council on the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2006.
5. During December 2006 the Assistant Director Legal and Democratic Services assisted by the Licensing Officer reviewed the current Licensing Policy. Several minor revisions are proposed together with the inclusion of the special policy regarding the Cumulative Impact for Stourbridge Town Centre.
6. The Assistant Director Legal and Democratic Services will present the proposed revisions to the committee at this meeting.

## **Finance**

7. If the proposals are approved there will be minor financial implications of amending the Licensing Policy and the publication of the new policy which will be met out of the licensing budget.

## **Law**

8. The law relating to the revision and publication of the Licensing Policy is governed by the Licensing Act 2003.

## **Equality Impact**

9. This report takes into account the Council's policy on equal opportunities.
10. The Licensing Policy will impact on children and young persons in respect of relevant provisions relating to their attendance at licensed premises.
11. There was consultation and involvement of children and young people in developing the Licensing Policy.

## **Recommendation**

12. That the Licensing and Safety Committee consider the approval of the revisions to the Licensing Policy.

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