

Meeting of the Council - 3rd December, 2007

Report of the Licensing and Safety Committee

Licensing Policy

Purpose

1. To approve the Council's Licensing Policy, arising from a review of that 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 Council, at its meeting held on 6th December 2004 approved the original policy. That Policy was subsequently published on 7th January 2005 and came into force on 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. Arising from the consultations held, the Licensing and Safety Committee at a special meeting held on 13th November, 2007, considered a draft revision of the policy and comments received from consultees. The outcome of that consideration is the Licensing Policy recommended for approval by the Council. A copy of the policy can be viewed by using the following link –
www.dudley.gov.uk/business/licences-and-street-trading/licensing-act-2003
8. A copy of the recommended policy has been placed in the Members Room.

Finance

9. There are no financial implications to the Council.

Law

- 10. Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 requires the Council to prepare and publish a statement of its Licensing Policy every three years.
- 11. Sections 5-8 of the Licensing Act 2003 allow for the Policy to be determined by full Council.

Equality Impact

- 12. This report complies with the Council's policy on equality and diversity.
- 13. The Licensing Policy will impact on children and young people by their attendance at premises licensed by the Council.
- 14. 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

- 15. That the Licensing Policy, as reviewed, be approved.



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Chairman of the Licensing and Safety Committee