

Minutes of the Licensing Committee

9th November 2007 at 9.30am
at the Sandwell Council House, Oldbury

Present: Councillor Silvester (Chair);
Councillors Rouf (Vice-Chair);
Councillors Allen, Dr Crumpton, Frear, A Hughes
and McHard.

Apology: Councillors Edis, Mrs Giles, R Horton and Sakhi.

10/07 **Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the meetings held on 18th and 25th May 2007 be approved as a correct record.

11/07 **Licensing Act 2003 – Review of Statement of Licensing Policy**

The Committee was informed that the Licensing Act 2003 required the Council to determine its policy with respect to the exercise of its licensing functions and publish a statement of that policy every three years. The Council was therefore in the process of reviewing its current Statement of Licensing Policy in order to publish a new Statement with effect from 7th January 2008.

In accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003, the chief officer of police, the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority, representatives of licence holders and representatives of business and residents had been consulted over a six-week period ending 24th October 2007. The Committee was informed of the feedback received.

The proposed Statement of Licensing Policy for the period 7th January 2008 to 6th January 2011 was now submitted to the Committee for its views. The Cabinet would be considering the Statement at its meeting on 14th November 2007 to consider the impact on other Council policies. The full Council would subsequently be recommended to approve the revised Statement of Licensing Policy on 27th November 2007.

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Members felt that the existing Statement and Policy were working well and just required updating in line with good practice guidance. Members also commented that the use of jargon should be kept to a minimum.

The Committee was minded to recommend that the Council approve the revised Statement.

Resolved that the Council be recommended to approve the Statement of Licensing Policy for the years 2008 to 2011.

(The meeting ended at 9.45am)

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