

Minutes of the Licensing Committee

30th July, 2009 at 3.30pm
at the Sandwell Council House, Oldbury

Present: Councillor Rouf (Chair);
Councillors Allan, P Davies, Grainger, Silvester, and
Webb.

Apology: Councillors Downing, A Hughes, Frear, R Horton and
Sandars.

5/09 **Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd May, 2009 be approved as a correct record.

6/09 **Safe Sensible. Social, Selling Alcohol responsibly: Consultation on New Code of Practice for Retailers**

Members considered a consultation paper issued by the Government that sought views on a proposed new Code of Practice for Retailers in relation to the safe, sensible and social selling of alcohol.

The Committee noted that the consultation was divided between mandatory and discretionary conditions. Members felt that many of the proposals would have a positive impact in the Borough, although it was felt that the 'Challenge 21' scheme should be a mandatory condition, not discretionary as proposed in the document.

Resolved that officer comments in relation to the Safe. Sensible. Social, Selling Alcohol responsibly: Consultation on New Code of Practice for Retailers be endorsed, with the addition that the 'Challenge 21' Scheme be moved from a discretionary condition to a mandatory condition.

(The meeting ended at 4:15pm)

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