

# Agenda Item 3

### **Minutes of the Licensing Committee**

### 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 at 10.00am at the Sandwell Council House, Oldbury

**Present:** Councillor Rouf (Chair);

Councillors Allen, P Davies, A Hughes, Silvester

and Tranter.

**Apologies:** Councillors Downing, Edis, B Price, R Horton,

Tagger.

#### 7/10 **Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2010, be approved as a correct record.

### 8/10 Statement of Licensing Policy - Licensing Act 2003

The Committee considered a revised copy of the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

Members noted 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 reviewing its current Statement of Licensing Policy in order to publish a new Statement with effect from 7<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

Officers advised that there were no further alterations to the document, following the meeting of the Licensing Policy Review Group on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2010.

The Committee were pleased to note that the Scrutiny Management Board had considered the draft document and requested that it be circulated to a wider group of consultees and that the new document formally recognised the 'Red and Yellow' card scheme.

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Members requested that, following consideration by Council on 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2010, the addition of the Red and Yellow Card scheme be widely publicised to Premises Licence Holders in the Borough.

Officers clarified that each Premises Licence Holder would be written to in December, 2010 to clarify the new arrangements.

**Resolved** that the Statement of Licensing Policy, as set out in Appendix 1 be recommended to Council for approval.

(The meeting ended at 10.10 am)

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