

Minutes of the meeting of the **LICENSING POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** held at the Council Offices, Whitfield on Tuesday 13 July 2010 at 11.00 am.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor N J Collor

Councillors: P S Le Chevalier
S M Le Chevalier
V J Revell
J M Smith

Officers: Democratic Services Manager
Licensing Manager
Democratic Support Officer

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In respect of Minute No 291, the Licensing Manager reported that the local knowledge test had been introduced for new drivers, although the condition that it should be taken within 3 years of first licence renewal had been dropped.

In respect of Minute No 293, the Committee was advised that the Council, at its meeting held on 27 January 2010, had resolved that an enhanced Unmet Demand Survey be undertaken, with the cost of the disability issues element met by the Council (Minute No 386). It was anticipated that a report would go to Council in the autumn.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Policy Advisory Committee held on 18 November 2009 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

119 LICENSING ACT 2003 – STATEMENT OF POLICY AND PRINCIPLES

The Committee received a report from the Licensing Manager regarding the three-yearly review of the Council's Statement of Policy and Principles, which had been amended in order to reflect new legislation, amongst other things. The legislation pertaining to early morning alcohol orders had not yet been enacted but, nevertheless, provision had been included in the Statement. In response to Members' questions, the Licensing Manager advised that conditions could not be attached to a Temporary Event Notice, and this reference had therefore been deleted. The Licensing Committee would only report to the Planning Committee when requested, so this reference had been amended accordingly.

Members were referred to the list of consultees at Appendix B of the report, and it was suggested that the list be publicised to other Members via the Members' Weekly News. The Licensing Manager advised that details of how to apply for a premises licence review were on the Council's website, and members of the public who called the Council to complain about a premises were informed of the existence of the review procedure. Referring to the use of polycarbonate glasses, the Licensing Manager advised that each premises was considered on its merits.

RESOLVED: That it be recommended to the Council that the Statement of Policy and Principles Approved under the Licensing Act 2003 be adopted, subject to the following amendments: (a) the addition of 'Subject to enactment of' at the beginning of the

first paragraph of the section headed Early Morning Alcohol Orders; (b) the amendment of the last sentence in Appendix A to read 'The District has a population of 106,900 based on the mid-term estimate of the 2001 census which is comprised of the following:'; and (c) the addition of the Dover District Disability Association and deletion of St Radigund's Valley Residents' Association at Appendix B of the report, plus other amendments suggested by Members following wider circulation.

120 GAMBLING ACT 2005 – REVIEW OF POLICY IN RESPECT OF PERMITS

The Committee considered the report of the Licensing Manager who advised that, whilst there was no requirement for the Council to have regard to the licensing objectives when considering permit applications, Members had considered it appropriate and had therefore adopted the policy three years previously. The policy was now due for review, but was considered fit for purpose, save for some minor grammatical changes.

RESOLVED: That it be recommended to the Licensing Committee that the Statement of Principles for Unlicensed Family Entertainment Centres, Gaming Machine Permits and Prize Gaming Permits (Gambling Act 2005) be adopted.

The meeting ended at 11.22 am.