

## **LICENSING COMMITTEE**

### **Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on Wednesday, 13th October 2010 at 1.00 pm in the Reception Suite, Civic Offices, Telford**

**PRESENT:** R.Aveley (Chairman), R.T.Kiernan (Vice-Chairman), R.G.Chaplin, J.A.Francis, R.E.Groom, Y.C.Hicks, T.J.Hope, G.P.Hossell, C.N.Mason, H.Rhodes, C.F.Smith and A.G.P.Williams.

#### **LC-32      MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** – that the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on the 29th September 2010 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

#### **LC-33      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors A.A.Mackenzie and C.P.R.Mollett

#### **LC-34      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

#### **LC-35      REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY – LICENSING ACT 2003**

The report of the Service Delivery Manager: Public Protection was received which sought the consideration of the revised Statement of Licensing Policy for the Borough of Telford & Wrekin under the Licensing Act 2003. The Committee was informed that the revised Policy which had been the subject to a period of consultation was now presented for approval by the Committee and if subsequently approved formally recommended for final publication by Full Council.

Members were reminded that the Licensing Act 2003 required the Council as Licensing Authority to review, consult, determine and publish a Statement of Licensing Policy every three years detailing how it would exercise its licensing functions under the 2003 Act.

The Committee was informed that this current version was amended prior to the commencement of the third Statutory Review consultation which began on 30th June 2010, the draft version of which was the subject of this Report, which would need to be approved and republished to take effect from 7th January 2011. Members were referred to the copy of the current Statement of Licensing Policy which was attached at Appendix A of the report. Members were advised that there had been one consultation conducted for this policy revision which had commenced on Wednesday 30th June 2010 for a period of for 12 weeks until Wednesday 22nd September 2010, with consideration being given to all of the relevant responses which were detailed within Appendix B as far as was possible within the remit of the Licensing Act 2003.

The consultation resulted in 8 responses being received from a mix of premises licence holders, responsible authorities, town and parish councils and individual residents of Telford & Wrekin. The comments had been given full consideration, and

whilst the issues raised were not directly relevant to the Statement of Licensing Policy in this instance, all respondents had been written to with full explanation.

All proposed amendments to the Statement of Licensing Policy were highlighted in blue on the revised policy document as attached at Appendix C of the report. Members were advised that the majority of changes to legislation in connection to the introduction of recent Home Office Mandatory Conditions; changes in the requirements for minor changes and the removal of the requirement for the presence at all times whilst alcohol is supplied of a designated premises supervisor for village halls and community premises. A section had also been included in relation to the licensing of garages and service stations.

A full list of those consulted as part of the review of the Statement of Licensing Policy was listed in the appendices of the revised policy document, and the letter to consultees and response form was also attached to the report at Appendix D.

Members were further informed that if the proposed Statement of Licensing Policy was approved by the Committee that the approved Statement would need to be submitted to Full Council for formal approval, prior to the publication date of 7th January 2011.

**RESOLVED** – that Council is recommended to approve the revised Statement of Licensing Policy for the Borough of Telford & Wrekin under the Licensing Act 2003 to take effect from the 7th January 2011.

The meeting ended at 1.10 pm.

**Chairman:**

**Date:**