
MEETING	GAMBLING & LICENSING ACTS COMMITTEE
DATE	5 OCTOBER 2007
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS CREGAN (CHAIR), SUE GALLOWAY, MERRETT, MOORE, HORTON, WISEMAN (VICE-CHAIR), B WATSON, SUNDERLAND, REID AND AYRE
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLORS D'AGORNE, FUNNELL, HYMAN, TAYLOR AND RUNCIMAN

PART B - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

12. REVIEW OF LICENSING POLICY (LICENSING ACT 2003)

Members considered a report which advised them of the review of the council's licensing policy, of the consultation undertaken and of the changes made as a result of the revised guidance and legislative changes. The report seeks a recommendation to full council that the revised policy be approved.

The Officer updated that the Club and Institute Union (CIU) had no comments to make on the revisions. The Officer brought to the attention of the committee the change made under Section 5.5 (Entertainments of a Sexual Nature) which had been modified to read *'Where representations are received to an application, the Licensing Authority will impose conditions designed to ensure that children are not admitted to and cannot witness these activities, and to control crime and disorder problems, particularly if the premises are located in the vicinity of schools, churches, hospitals, youth clubs or other premises where significant numbers of children are likely to attend.'* The Officer also reported that the Police were happy to retain the Cumulative Impact Zone (CIZ) with its present boundaries.

Members raised the following queries:

- In paragraph 3.1 of the Statement of Licensing Policy, under the section heading POLICY, text had been removed and then replaced with exactly the same text. The Officer clarified that this was an administrative error and would not show in the final version of the document.
- The list of consultees in Annex 2 did not mention the Clifton Moor Business Association (CMBA). It was noted that the CMBA should replace Harrowell Shaftoe solicitors on this list.
- Members requested that the wording in 3.4 be retained but changed to read *'The Council will be*

working in partnership with local transport providers to facilitate improved transport to disperse people quickly away from licensed venues.'

- Section 5.1 – under the sub section 'Excessive Alcohol Consumption' - Members asked the Officer to insert some suitable wording to promote the principle of training staff to reduce excessive consumption of alcohol.
- Section 5.1 – under the sub-section 'Dispersal' – Members asked the Officer to insert a sentence regarding people leaving the premises in a quiet and orderly manner and the use of quiet zones and departure lounges as an aid to orderly dispersal of persons from a premises.
- Section 5.3 – under the sub-section 'Customer Management' - Members requested some additional wording concerning the use of external smoking areas and beer gardens.
- Members requested that Officers look into the possibility of linking CCTV in individual licensed premises into the City of York Council CCTV system and delegated the powers for them to do this.

RECOMMENDED: That the draft statement of licensing policy, subject to the amendments listed above, be approved by full Council.

REASON: To reflect the results of consultation and meet legislative requirements.

Councillor R Cregan, Chair
[The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 3.45 pm].