

EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th June, 2007 at 3.25 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Ray Dudman - Chairman
Councillor Peter Richardson - Vice-Chairman

Present: Councillors Alex Clarke, Queenie Comfort, Jean Hazel, Anne Holland, John Little, Marilyn Osner, David Packer and Michael Simper.

93. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Phillip Cuckston and David Morgan.

94. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made on this occasion.

95. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 31st October, 2006 and 21st May, 2007 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

96. Presentations by the Public

There were no questions, petitions or deputations received on this occasion.

97. Draft Statement of Licensing Policy

The Chief Executive submitted a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member of the Committee and a copy of which appears as Appendix '1' to these Minutes.

Members of the Committee were requested to consider the Draft Statement of Licensing Policy with respect to the Licensing Act 2003, in preparation for the statutory consultation process.

A revised report had been distributed to Members of the Committee that included track changes on the Draft Statement of Licensing Policy and Members were advised that this superseded the original report. The revised report appears as Appendix '2' to these Minutes.

Members agreed with the officer recommendations subject to the revision of paragraph 7.3.4 in the Policy to include the following:

'The Council expects Premises Licence Holders to clearly demonstrate how they have assessed their premises in relation to the risk of under age sales. The Council *expects that the Premises Licence Holder uses the following formulae as part of their assessment.*'

RESOLVED that:

(a) the Draft Statement of Licensing Policy as shown as Appendix 1

to the report be approved for consultation; and that

(b) all representations received by 1st October 2007 be reported to the Licensing Committee and Council for proper consideration before publishing the final Statement of Licensing Policy.

Voting: Unanimous

The meeting ended at 3.44 p.m.

CHAIRMAN