

Item 7 (c) – Licensing - Draft Statement of Licensing Act 2003 Policy

The attached report was considered by the Licensing Committee on 2 February 2015, relevant minute extract below:

Licensing Committee - 2 February 2015 (Minute 17)

The report detailed consultation responses to the Council's proposed revision of Statement of Licensing Policy which set out the policies the Council would generally apply to promote the licensing objectives when making decisions on applications made under the 2003 Act.

Members noted that most of the comments made had already been implemented or been responded to sufficiently. A Member commented that there were formatting issues on page 38 of the agenda and that paragraph 17.12 was incomplete and carried over to paragraph 17.14. The committee was advised that the formatting and numbering would be adjusted. It was also brought to Members attention that the quorum for the Licensing Hearing was 2 and therefore paragraph 16.2 should include the word generally so that the sentence would read as 'A sub committee will normally consist of 3 suitably trained members'.

A Member commented that paragraph 3.8 did not read well and the word 'are' should be removed from the paragraph. In response to a question the Licensing Partnership Manager advised that the policy should incorporate other policies that the Council had and health was a key subject for the Council, therefore it was important that all policies within the council were linked and showed best practice. She clarified that licensees were not being asked to diagnose health issues but rather, when they were aware of conditions that their customers may have, to consider whether it was suitable to keep serving alcohol to that individual.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That subject to the comments of the Licensing Committee, Full Council approve the statement of the Licensing Policy.