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## **MINUTE EXTRACT**

**Licensing Committee, 9 October 2007**

### **13 Review of Lewes DC Statement of Licensing Policy**

The Committee considered Report No 185/07 which considered the responses to the draft Statement of Licensing Policy following public consultation.

The Licensing Officer detailed how the draft Policy, as agreed by the Committee, had been put out to public consultation as statutorily required. The list of consultees and details of the revised draft Policy were at Appendix 3 to the Report, the Public Notice at Appendix 4 and the schedule of responses at Appendix 5. The late response from the Association of Licensed Multiple Retailers, accepted as an Urgent Item above, and officers' comments thereon were distributed and a copy appears in the Minute Book.

The only amendment recommended as a result of the consultation was the addition of a new paragraph 6.6.2: *'All enforcement action will be taken in accordance with the Council's Enforcement Policy for Environmental Health Service, a copy of which is available on-line'*, the original paragraph 6.6.2 being renumbered 6.6.3.

In response to councillors' questions on the Model Pool of Conditions issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and appended to the Council's Policy, officers noted that conditions such as the use of pagers or bottle bans could only be suggested where appropriate by officers and could be added to licences either voluntarily by the applicant or at a Hearing. Matters such as litter clearance from non-licensed premises or disabled access were dealt with under other regulations which were not duplicated within the Licensing Policy.

The Environmental Health Manager stressed the rigour with which the Policy had initially been drafted three years ago

before the Licensing Act 2003 came into force. There had been only small numbers of consultee responses, few amendments had proven necessary and the recent licensees' satisfaction survey had resulted in a high return and universally positive comments.

*NB Because not all members of the Licensing Committee were present as required for business under the Licensing Act 2003, the Recommendations below are those of the councillors present and not of the Committee.*

Recommended:

- 13.1 That the officers involved be congratulated on their work in drafting, reviewing, operating and enforcing the Council's Licensing Policy; and
- 13.2 That the draft Statement of Licensing Policy, as amended above, be adopted by the Council.

*Please note that Recommendation 13.2 above only is for the consideration of Council. The draft Statement of Licensing Policy, including the amendments agreed by the Committee, is attached.*