



Lewes District Council

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Licensing Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the **Licensing Committee** held in **Rooms 7 and 8, Southover House, Southover Road, Lewes** on **Friday, 15 October 2010** at 10.00am

Present: Councillor D H Mitchell (Chair)
Councillors L M Hallett, R Robertson and I J White

Officers Present:

Mr G Clark, Licensing Officer
Ms Z Downton, Committee Officer
Mr R Harris, Senior Legal Assistant

Apologies received:

Councillors P L Bennett and M A Cutress

In Attendance:

Ms J Fletcher, Trainee Solicitor

	Minutes	Action
5	Quorum The meeting was inquorate and the resolutions and recommendations made were therefore those of the councillors who were present.	
6	Election of Chair <u>Resolved:</u> 6.1 That Councillor Mitchell be elected Chair for this meeting.	
7	Minutes The Minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.	
8	Apologies for Absence/Declaration of Substitute Members Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Bennett and Councillor Cutress.	

9 Review of Lewes District Council Statement of Licensing Policy

The councillors present considered Report No 220/10 in relation to the request to approve the Council's Policy for a further three years.

The Report stated that the Licensing Act 2003 required that the Council, as the Licensing Authority, should adopt a Statement of Licensing Policy for their area which should be reviewed every three years. The current policy was approved by this Council and had come into effect on 7 January 2008. In accordance with the Statutory Guidance, issued under Section 182 of the Act, the Council was required to consult upon and prepare a Statement of Licensing Policy for a further three year period to take effect from 7 January 2011.

The consultation period commenced on 19 July 2010 and was concluded on 24 September 2010. Paragraph 3.1 of the Report stated that the Council had not received any legal challenge to its existing Policy Statement, nor had it received any adverse comments from the licensing trade or legal profession, other stakeholders and the general public with regard to the Policy. Six responses to the formal consultation received during the relevant period were set out at Appendix 3 of the Report.

The proposed minor amendments were detailed under section 3 of the Report and highlighted within the body of the Policy, as set out at Appendix 1.

The members of the Licensing Committee who were present

Recommended:

- 9.1** That the comments arising from the public consultation exercise on the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, as set out at Appendix 3 of Report No 220/10, be noted; and
- 9.2** That the Licensing Committee should recommend to Council the adoption of the revised Statement of Licensing Policy for a further three years from 7 January 2011.

Senior
Legal
Assistant

10 Date of Next Meeting

Resolved:

- 10.1** That it be noted that the next meeting of the Committee will be called as necessary.

DPES/Cttee
Officer (to
note)

The meeting ended at 10.14am

D H Mitchell
Chair