

PUBLIC NOTICE LICENSING ACT 2003

The Licensing Act 2003 requires that Lewes District Council publicise a Statement of Licensing Policy. The current Licensing Policy was approved and came into effect on 7th January 2011.

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 made amendments to the Licensing Act which has required the Licensing Authority to review its current policy. In accordance with the Statutory Guidance issued by the Secretary of State under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, the Council has to consult upon any review of its Licensing Policy and a summary of the changes are listed below.

- Licensing authorities as Responsible Authorities.
- Primary care trusts as Responsible Authorities.
- Lowering the evidential threshold on licensing authorities by replacing the word 'necessary' with 'appropriate' where this evidential base is contained in the Licensing Act 2003.
- The term 'interested parties' replaced by 'any other person'.
- Removing the vicinity test for licensing representations to allow wider local community involvement.
- Delegation of functions carried out by the Council's Licensing Committee, Sub-Committee or Officers of the Council.

There are also other minor and textual amendments to the policy in light of experience and legal advice since our current policy was published in January 2011.

The revised Licensing Policy can be viewed in full on our Council Web Site www.lewes.gov.uk. Comments on the Policy must be submitted in writing either by letter to the Licensing Team, Lewes District Council, Southover House, Southover Road, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 1AB, or by e.mail to ehealth@lewes.gov.uk by 10th August 2012.