

LICENSING POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING of the Licensing Policy Committee held on Monday 28 January 2008 at 10.00am in the Executive Meeting Room of the Guildhall, Portsmouth.

	Present
Councillors	Les Stevens (Chair) Margaret Adair Margaret Foster Jacqui Hancock Lee Mason April Windebank

Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Lynne Stagg and Linda Symes.

1. **Members' Interests in Accordance with Standing Order No 14 (AI 1)**

There were no declarations made.

2. **Minutes of the Licensing Committee meetings held on 20 April 2007 and 27 November 2007 (AI 2)**

The minutes of the Licensing Committee meetings held 20 April 2007 and 27 November 2007 were agreed to be a correct record of the meetings.

3. **Minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee meetings held on 20 April 2007, 1 May 2007, 4 May 2007, 23 May 2007, 25 May 2007, 5 June 2007, 19 June 2007, 26 June 2007, 17 July 2007, 24 July 2007, 7 August 2007, 6 September 2007, 9 October 2007, 23 October 2007, 30 October 2007, 31 October 2007, 9 November 2007, 14 November 2007, 27 November 2007, 17 December 2007 and 8 January 2008 (AI 3)**

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4. **Consultation on Draft Statement of Licensing Policy (AI 4)**

(TAKE IN REPORT BY THE LICENSING MANAGER AND THE PROPOSED STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY)

The Licensing Manager introduced her report and the proposed statement of Licensing Policy.

Following a question from Councillor Foster, the Licensing Manager confirmed that where minor amendments to the wording of the original draft had been recommended (page 12 consultation summary), these changes had been made to the document under consideration.

Councillor Windebank requested clarification on the perceived presumption against grant in the special policy area relating to cumulative impact (page 15 consultation summary). Members were informed that every case should be decided on its own merits but that there would be a presumption that applications for new Premises Licenses or Club Certificates within the special policy area would be refused if relevant representations were received.

Councillor Foster queried “use of car parks and access roads” as being an example of the origin and type of nuisance (point 8.19 page 13 policy document). It was confirmed that this related to noise arising from activity in a car park or access roads rather than being a car park issue.

Councillor Adair asked about “binge drinking”. The Licensing Manager stated that she had links with the Community Safety team and had access to statistics relating to the number of alcohol related admissions to Accident & Emergency. After some discussion, it was suggested and agreed that a presentation by the Community Safety Team at a future Licensing Policy meeting would be beneficial.

RESOLVED that:

- a. The Licensing Committee considered the responses to the draft policy statement and approved minor amendments as detailed in the report.**
- b. The Licensing Committee agreed to recommend the Council that it adopts the amended Statement of Licensing Policy.**

And that a presentation by the Community Safety Team at a future Licensing Policy meeting would be set up.

The meeting concluded at 10.25am.

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Signed by the Chair