
REPORT OF LICENSING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD ON 27 SEPTEMBER 2007

Chairman: * Councillor Mrs Lurline Champagne

Councillors : * Robert Benson * Ashok Kulkarni
* Don Billson * Mrs Vina Mithani
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PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION I - Review of the Licensing Policy

The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director Community and Environment, which advised on the outcome of the review of Harrow's Licensing Policy. The Policy has to be reviewed every three years, following its implementation, to comply with relevant legislation.

Harrow's Licensing Policy established the basis for applications under the Licensing Act and how they were to be determined. Harrow had developed, consulted on and published a statement of its Licensing Policy on 6 January 2005, which was due to expire on 5 January 2008. The Authority in reviewing its Policy had to consider responses from stakeholders as part of a consultation process. Stakeholders were widely consulted with participation from local businesses, residents associations, Ward Councillors, the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority, Metropolitan Police as well as other statutory organisations and interested parties.

It was noted that the existing Policy had been written prior to the Licensing Act coming into force and appeared to incorporate more of a legal approach to its guidance. However, three years on a lot had happened, national precedents had been set and everyone was more familiar with the understanding of the Policy. The revised draft Policy has more flexibility and has incorporated suggestions following wide consultation.

Having considered the responses to the draft Licensing Policy following consultation, it was;

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (To Council)

That Harrow's Licensing Policy, attached at Appendix A, be endorsed.