
REPORT OF LICENSING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD ON 29 NOVEMBER 2004

Chair: * Councillor Idaikkadar

Councillors * Mrs Bath * Knowles
: * Blann * Vina Mithani
* Branch * John Nickolay
* Janet Cowan * O'Dell
* Ann Groves * Omar (1)

* Denotes Member present
(1) Denote category of Reserve Members

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION I - Licensing Policy - Licensing Act 2003

The Licensing Act 2003 created a new statutory duty for local authorities to license premises and persons for the sale of alcohol. A report was presented to the Licensing and General Purposes Committee that covered the provisions of the legislation in detail. The licensing regulations that accompanied the Act had been issued for consultation in October with the draft fees regulations following in early November.

The four Licensing Objectives in the Licensing Act 2003 were the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.

Additionally the DCMS expected that the changes to opening hours and the availability of a wide range of customer-oriented premises with a greater flexibility in the sale of alcohol, would assist tourism and the local economy. All these issues were central to Corporate Priorities and had a particular relevance to a Safer Harrow.

The report presented the Draft Licensing Policy to the Licensing and General Purposes Committee and asked Members to make any final comments prior to referring the Policy to Council for final approval. Members noted the revised Policy circulated and following consideration

Resolved to RECOMMEND:

That the Draft Licensing Policy detailed in Appendix 1, be approved.