



Minutes of the Licensing Committee

29 July 2010

-: Present :-

Councillors Addis (Chairman), Amil, Doggett, Faulkner (A), Horne, Hytche, Manning, Scouler and Thomas (J)

183. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Excell, Mills and Stocks.

184. Minutes.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 20 May 2010 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

185. Licensing Act 2003 'Draft Statement of Principles 2011' (Licensing Policy).

Members received Report 200/2010, which set out the draft Statement of Principles 2011 for Members to comment upon before the document commenced a twelve week public consultation.

Members noted that the Licensing Act 2003 required Torbay Council, as a Designated Licensing Authority, to review and publish a 'Statement of Principles' every three years, outlining the procedures it intends to follow in discharging its statutory responsibilities under the Act.

Members also noted and supported the Police in their request for the Cumulative Impact Area (CIA) to remain unaltered, despite improvements in the number of crimes reported, the level of crime in the CIA were still significantly higher than the surrounding areas.

Members requested the Environmental Health Manager (Commercial) seek clarification as to whether the Police check the standard of the CCTV footage when visiting Licensed Premises. He was also requested to establish if legislation allowed for the Licensing Authority to charge a Premise to check that the CCTV equipment is to a standard that complies with the Policy.

Resolved

- i) That the Executive Head of Community Safety be advised of the following representations of the Licensing Committee regarding the Draft Statement of Principles 2011:

- a) Background – the final paragraph be removed;
 - b) Paragraph 1.8 should be amended to read ‘This Act replaces previous legislation’ rather than ‘The Act and replaces previous legislation’;
 - c) That the ratio of door staff be amended to one door supervisor to every 75 people rather than one door supervisor to every 100 people;
 - d) That the paragraph in ‘Appendix Three – Supplementary Information on Licensing Objectives, Protection of Children from Harm (Section 3.4(e) and (g), Staff Training’ be amended to read ‘Licensing Authority requires that premises that sell or supply alcohol will ensure that staff are suitably trained...’ rather than ‘Licensing Authority recommends that premises that sell or supply alcohol should ensure that staff are suitably trained...’.
- ii) that subject to these amendments the Draft Statement of Principles 2011 be released for public consultation.

Chairman
