

Recommendations to Cabinet – 17th November 2020 from the Environment and Community Panel Meeting on 20th October 2020.

EC133: Statement of Licensing Policy

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The Senior Licensing Officer presented the report.

The Chair thanked the Senior Licensing Officer for her report and invited questions and comments from the Panel, as summarised below.

The Panel was informed that two correspondence had been received, as attached.

Councillor de Whalley referred to paragraph 4.1 and the definition of Cumulative Impact and the Senior Licensing Officer provided clarification. He suggested that the paragraph be made clearer. He also referred to the term 'evidence available' and the Senior Licensing Officer explained that it meant evidence from responsible authorities.

The Senior Licensing Officer would amend the typo 'do' to 'do so' in Paragraph 23.4.

Councillor Kemp referred to the Coronavirus Pandemic and the Senior Licensing Officer explained that at the next meeting of the Environment and Community Panel in December the Panel would be provided with information on Covid Safe events and she would also produce a guidance note which could be circulated to the Panel.

Councillor Rust addressed the Panel under Standing Order 34. She referred to the removal of weblinks within the Policy as they were no longer valid. It was suggested by the Panel that a link to the Borough Council's Homepage be included in the document.

Councillor Morley addressed the Panel under Standing Order 34. He referred to paragraph 4.4 which was the to encourage measures outside of the licensed premises and felt that suggested measures should be included. The Senior Licensing Officer referred to public space protection orders and reminded the Panel that Section 182 guidance stated that the Policy needed to make clear that Licensing Law was not the primary mechanism for dealing with nuisance and antisocial behaviour.

Councillor Ryves addressed the Panel under Standing Order 34 he referred to public safety, the Coronavirus Pandemic and Temporary Event Licences. The Senior Licensing Officer explained that unfortunately Public Health was not a licensing objective. She reminded the Panel that each application would be considered on its own merit.

In response to a question from Councillor Kemp, the Senior Licensing Officer explained that licensed premises still had to comply with Coronavirus Legislation and conduct a risk assessment.

The Chair informed the Panel that he had received a request from a Member to consider Temporary Event Notices during the pandemic.

RESOLVED: The Panel reviewed the recommended changes and agreed that the Council be invited to adopt the revised statement of Licensing Policy in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003.