

Licensing Committee

Date	24 October 2007
Venue	Town Hall, Lytham St Annes
Committee members	David Eaves (Chairman) Dawn Prestwich (Vice-Chairman) Brenda Ackers, Christine Akeroyd, Keith Beckett, Elizabeth Clarkson, John Davies, Susan Fazackerley, Tony Ford, Lyndsay Greening, Ken Hopwood, Angela Jacques, Elaine Silverwood
Other Councillors	None
Officers	Stuart Handley, Chris Hambley, Peter Welsh

1. Declarations of interest

Members were reminded that any personal/prejudicial interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct adopted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000.

2. Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the licensing committee meeting held on 27 April 2007 as a correct record for signature by the chairman.

3. Substitute members

There were no substitute members.

4. Licensing Act 2003: Revised licensing policy 2008-2011

Stuart Handley (Commercial and Licensing Manager) presented a comprehensive report on the revised licensing policy.

As required by the legislation, and in accordance with the guidance issued by the secretary of state, this council, along with all others, was required to prepare a statement of licensing policy for a further three year period. This revised policy must be in force with effect from the 7th January 2008 until 6th January 2011.

A revised version of the statutory guidance, issued by the secretary of state, following consultation with a wide range of stakeholders including local authorities, the police, and industry and interest groups was published in June 2006 with a further substantial revision formally introduced in June 2007. It was important that the changes to the statutory guidance, which were in force when the original policy was formulated, were fully reflected in any revised licensing policy.

It was recognised that many local and national businesses in the leisure industry had undertakings across the Fylde coast and it was helpful if the approach to licensing matters was consistent from one licensing authority to another. Fylde borough had worked in partnership, with Wyre borough to produce what was effectively one common draft licensing policy which set out how both councils would undertake their duties towards licensing alcohol, entertainment and late-night refreshments. It was intended that this would be adopted separately by each authority.

Before finalising and implementing its policy, the council consulted with those who may be affected by it. Accordingly, the views on what should be included in the council's statement of licensing policy had been sought from a wide range of both statutory and non-statutory consultees.

In total well over 500 organisations and interested parties were consulted. A significant number of responses were received and a summary of each comment received along with officers comments and suggested amendments to the policy was circulated with the agenda.

Following consideration it was **RESOLVED** to approve the revised draft licensing policy as detailed in the report.

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