

Cheltenham Borough Council

Licensing Committee – 3 July 2015

Committee Response to Licensing Act 2003 Licensing Policy Statement Consultation

Report of the Licensing & Business Support Team Leader

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 Under the Council's constitution, the Licensing Committee acts as consultee to the Lead Member on recommendations and responses for the adoption and review of the Licensing Policy Statement and national licensing policy.
- 1.2 Under the above mentioned delegation, the Licensing Committee met on Friday 5 June 2015 to discuss the policy and formulate a response.
- 1.3 This reports sets out the Committee's response for ratification.

2. Recommendation

2.1 The Committee is recommended to:

2.1.1 Note the comments in Chapter 4; and

2.1.2 Approve these as the committee's response to the consultation.

3. Implications

How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Priorities?

- Cheltenham has a clean and well-maintained environment.
- Cheltenham's natural and built environment is enhanced and protected.
- Cheltenham has a strong and sustainable economy.
- Our residents enjoy a strong sense of community and are involved in resolving local issues.

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4. Committee's Response

4.1 Late Night Levy (Paras 6.6 – 6.7)

Some Members of the Licensing Committee expressed a need for permitted exemptions under the levy to be reviewed to also include premises offering overnight accommodation. It was felt that the levy unfairly affected hotels which only offer alcohol to residents.

Designated Public Places Order (Para 6.15)

Members recommended that more details of the DPPO be included in the policy particularly the adoption date and the implications of the order.

Core Hours for Licensable Activities (Paras 6.38 – 6.40)

The committee recommended that the terminal hours for takeaways be extended so that they are open for an hour past the terminal hour for pubs/bars and nightclubs. The committee recommended a proposed 04:00 terminal hour for takeaways.

Last Admission Times (Paras 6.43 – 6.45)

The committee commented that the proposed terminal hours should only apply to premises licensed past midnight.

Film Classifications (Chapter 7)

The committee recommended that officers be delegated authority to classify films up to a 15 rating. Anything with a higher classification will be referred to the committee.

Events on Council Land (Chapter 8)

The committee commented that the requirement to submit documents at least 3 months in advance of an event is too onerous for small events. They recommended that the minimum time limit be based on predicted numbers attending.

Background Papers Service records.

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