

LICENSING (2003 Act) COMMITTEE14 July 2004
(6.00pm –7.22pm)**PRESENT:** Councillors Liddle (Chair), Blencowe, Churchill, Phillips, C Rosenstiel
and Slatter**FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL**04/L/01 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bailey and Dixon.

04/L/02 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Rosenstiel declared a personal interest as a member of the Campaign for Real Ale.

04/L/03 **LICENSING REFORM – INTRODUCTION OF THE LICENSING ACT
2003**

In introducing the report, the Head of Environmental Health and Waste Strategy advised the Committee that the 'first appointed day' had been announced by the Government as 7 February 2005. The Committee noted that Government Guidance on the Statement of Licensing Policy was prescriptive and the four objectives in 2.1 could not be added to or supplemented. It also noted that the Statement of Licensing Policy needed to adhere to the Government Guidance to avoid the risk of legal challenge. In response to questions the Council's solicitor stated that the Policy (once adopted) could be reviewed at any time in the three year period and no later than 7 February 2008. The Committee agreed that there were issues it would wish to discuss further once the responses to the consultation had been reported back for consideration. The Committee agreed that the Head of Environmental Health and Waste Strategy make it clear in the report to the Area Committees about the process to avoid any confusion about what can be included in the Policy. Councillor Rosenstiel was concerned that students would not be consulted, but the Head of Environmental Health and Waste Strategy advised that the Bursars would be consulted and were represented on the Council's Licensing Forum (on which there was also a student representative.

Resolved -

To approve the draft statement of licensing policy for public consultation as in Appendix 1 of the report.

The meeting ended at 7.22pm

CHAIR