

**LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION
COMMITTEE**

MEETING, 12th APRIL, 2012

Present – Councillors Jones (Vice-Chairman), J. Byrne, Connell, Mrs. Fairclough, Greenhalgh, Kay, Mistry, Peacock, Shaw, Sherrington, Silvester, P. Wild, D. Wilkinson and Woodward.

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Lord.

Councillor Jones in the Chair.

(Items marked with an asterisk are submitted for information only)

87. MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Committee held on 3rd April, 2012 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

**88. LICENSING ACT 2003 REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF
LICENSING POLICY**

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which sought member's views on the proposed revisions to the Statement of Licensing Policy following consultation and the Policy Development Group recommendations.

Members were reminded that the revised Statement of Licensing Policy was issued out for consultation on 6th March, 2012 and ran for a four week period until 2nd April, 2012.

The policy had been circulated to the responsible authorities, representatives of premises licence holders, club premises certificate holders, town councils, residents and businesses and had also been placed on the Council website for their views.

Furthermore, the Policy Development Group had met during and after the consultation period to consider the consultation responses.

Members were advised that there were no significant amendments to the Statement of Licensing Policy and all proposed changes were highlighted in red in Appendix A to the report.

An Equality Impact Assessment had been undertaken and was detailed in Appendix B to the report.

Resolved – That the Statement of Licensing Policy be submitted to the full Council meeting on 18th April, 2012 for approval.

89. PROPOSAL FOR A BOROUGH WIDE DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACE ORDER

The Director of Chief Executive's Department submitted a report which outlined the consultation process taken in order to implement a borough wide Designated Public Place Order (DPPO) in order to prohibit the consumption of alcohol.

Members were reminded that the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 provided local authorities with an adoptive power to restrict anti-social behaviour public drinking in designated public places and provided the police with the power to enforce the restriction, named a Designated Public Place Order (DPPO). A report was approved by this Committee to begin consultation on a whole town DPPO and this report provided a summary of those consultation findings.

The report explained the reasons for a borough wide DPPO, which had been requested by the Greater Manchester Police, as opposed to having them on a ward by ward basis and also outlined the steps which had been taken in relation to the consultation process. In terms of the consultation process, members were advised that no objections had been received.

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In terms of signage, it was stated that as agreed by this Committee in November, 2011 200 signs would be erected around the boarder of the borough and additional mobile signs would be displayed on lampposts in local areas that were experiencing problems in line with police operations. The total costs of implementing the DPPO would be approximately £6,700 which represented excellent value for money and would be met from within the existing Community Safety budgets.

If approved the Borough wide DPPO would come into force in Bolton with effect from 1st June, 2012.

Resolved – That approval be given to a Borough wide Designated Public Place Order as detailed in the report.

(The meeting started at 4.00 p.m. and finished at 4.40 p.m.)