

LICENSING COMMITTEE
(LICENSING ACT 2003
FUNCTIONS)

Agenda Item 6
Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Best Practice in Licensed Premises
Date of Meeting: 24 June 2010
Report of: Director of Environment
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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 The Committee received a Notice of Motion from Full Council on 4 March 2010 regarding Responsible Licensing.
- 1.2 It was agreed that the Licensing Committee will draw up a list of 'best practice' which takes into account the recommendations of the 'Reducing Alcohol Related Harm to Children and Young People scrutiny panel' and looks into ways of publicly recognising and rewarding responsible licensees who follow best practice, in a similar way to its successful "Scores on the Doors" scheme.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the committee notes this report.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 Following the Licensing Committee meeting, officers consulted with the Licensing Strategy Group on 8 March 2010 and 14 May 2010.
- 3.2 The Licensing Strategy Group agreed the following best practice list, some of which would be more appropriate to off sales rather than on sales. All should take into account the new mandatory conditions:
- Awareness of the problem of proxy sales
 - Signage
 - Selling to underage people
 - Staff training
 - Challenge 25
 - Pass scheme
 - Voluntary restriction of high strength alcohol

- Membership of BCRP
- Use of polycarbonate glass
- Lockable glass bins emptied at appropriate times
- Staff training against the four licensing objectives and including conditions on licence
- Trading Standards Business Support
- Risk assessments

3.3 These areas of best practice will be incorporated into the council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

4. CONSULTATION

4.1 The Licensing Strategy Group.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 Financial Implications:

The Licensing Act 2003 provides for fees to be payable to the licensing authority in respect of the discharge of their functions. The fee levels are set centrally at a level to allow licensing authorities to fully recover the costs of administration, inspection and enforcement of the regime. There are no additional financial implications associated with this report.

Finance Officer Consulted: Karen Brookshaw

Date:

Legal Implications:

5.2 The SoLP should follow the fundamental principles set out in the Licensing Act 2003 and statutory guidance. This list of best practice will be amalgamated into the Statement of Licensing Policy.

Lawyer Consulted: Rebecca Sidell

Date:

Equalities Implications:

5.3 None.

Sustainability Implications:

5.4 None.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

5.5 Prevention of Crime and Disorder is a licensing objective.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 The City's reputation is predicated on its competency as a Licensing Authority.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.7 The leisure industry is responsible for 8 million visitors a year and 10,000 jobs locally.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

Appendix A – Selling Alcohol Responsibly

Documents In Members' Rooms:

None

Background Documents:

None

