

Minutes of a meeting of the **COMMITTEE OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE** held in Meeting Room 1, Council Offices, Priory Road, Spalding on 16 November 2010.

PRESENT

Councillors:

M G Chandler (Chairman)

M Bamber
C J Lawton

A Casson
R M Rudkin

P A Espin
D Wilkinson

The Head of Legal and Member Services, the Team Leader for Food Safety and Licensing and the Licensing Officer.

In attendance: The Principal Member Services Officer.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G K Dark and S F Williams.

289. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings held on 24 November 2009 and 19 May 2010 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

290. **LICENSING ACT 2003**

The Committee received a report by the Head of Community and Neighbourhood Services which gave details of the representations received following consultation on the draft Licensing Policy Statement.

The Committee noted that the Licensing Act 2003 placed a duty on the Licensing Authority to have in place and publish a Licensing Policy Statement at least once every three years. The Council currently had such a statement which came into force in January 2008. The Council had consulted comprehensively on a new policy and the 3 month consultation period had now ended.

Only one comment had been received and that was from the British Beer and Pub Association [BBPA}. It was considered that this was not a true representation as the correspondence said *'we (BPPA)...are not replying formally to all authorities unless we have specific issues. However you may be interested in seeing a letter which includes a number of general points which we would appreciate you taking on board when reviewing licensing policies'*.

The Committee agreed that whilst the comments contained in the letter were sensible and had merit, it was not felt that the policy should be changed to reflect them.

Members considered and agreed the proposed revised Licensing Policy Statement as attached at Appendix B to the report. It was noted that the proposed policy was broadly in line with other licensing authorities' policies in Lincolnshire.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That the draft Licensing Policy Statement (Licensing Act 2003 only), be approved and published.

(Meeting ended at 7.35 pm.)
(End of Minutes.)