

**CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
LICENSING AND REGULATION COMMITTEE 19th JULY 2010**

---

*Background Papers, if any, are specified at the end of the Report*

**LICENSING ACT 2003 – STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY**

*Contact Officer: Ian Snudden 01494 732057*

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1. That Members consider the Statement of Licensing Policy and give permission for it to be submitted to 12 week consultation with local businesses and other relevant bodies.**
- 2. That the policy be amended following the consultation period and that a further report be submitted to the Cabinet for approval of the final policy following Full Council, to come into effect by 5th January 2011.**

**Report**

- 1 The Licensing Act 2003 requires that local authorities prepare and publish a statement of its licensing policy every three years.
- 2 A number of legislative changes have taken place since the policy was last reviewed and have been highlighted within the policy. These were reported to the Licensing and Regulation Committee of 22nd October 2009 in relation to the concept of 'minor variations' to premises and club premises licenses and the alternative licence condition for the supervision of alcohol sales in Community Premises. Other legislative changes that have impacted upon the Licensing Act provisions include the smoking in public places under the Health Act 2006, the Gambling Act 2005 and the amendment to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 in relation to Sexual Entertainment Venues.
- 3 Central Government Guidance recommends that any adopted saturation policies are reviewed as to whether the policy is still valid. Therefore Members are asked to consider whether the saturation policies relating to Old Amersham and Chalfont St Peter should remain in place or not. Experience to date is that there has been an application for variation to a premises licences in each of the areas covered by the saturation policy. Although representations were received, the sub committee did not consider that the variations would have a detrimental cumulative impact and therefore the licences were granted with conditions.

- 4 A draft statement of licensing policy has been prepared and is detailed in **Appendix 11.1**. The current amendments are identified as tracked changes. It is proposed, with the Committee's approval, to formally consult on the policy over a 12 week period and report back on the outcome and present the final policy to the Committee in December. **Appendix 11.2** lists those that are to be consulted.

*Background Papers: None*

---