

Minutes of the **Licensing Committee**  
of the **Test Valley Borough Council**  
held virtually via MS Teams  
on Thursday 15 October 2020 at 5.30 pm

Attendance:

**Councillor G Bailey**  
**(Chairman)**

**Councillor N Matthews**  
**(Vice-Chairman)**

Councillor I Andersen  
Councillor T Burley  
Councillor J Burnage  
Councillor C Donnelly  
Councillor A Dowden

Councillor D Drew  
Councillor A Johnston  
Councillor R Meyer  
Councillor J Parker

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**Minutes of the Licensing Committee**

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the Licensing Committee held on 16 July 2020 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.**

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**Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee**

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 5 August 2020 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.**

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**Licensing Act 2003 - Statement of Licensing Policy**

Prior to the commencement of the Licensing Act 2003 the Council had to publish and approve a Statement of Licensing Policy setting out the principles to be taken into account by the Council when determining applications for licences under the Act. The Act requires the Council to review and publish its Policy every five years in consultation with the community, the licensed trade, local businesses and other organisations.

A revised Policy document was sent to all Borough Councillors, Heads of Service, Hampshire Constabulary, Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service, Hampshire County Council (HCC) Trading Standards Service, HCC Public Health, breweries, pub companies, trade organisations, Andover and Romsey Town Councils, Andover BID and licensing lawyers.

Only one substantive reply was received from Hampshire County Council Public Health Team. That reply recommended the addition of two sections to the Statement highlighting the public health impact of alcohol consumption. Whilst public health is not a licensing objective under the Licensing Act 2003, in the view of officers it is appropriate to include reference to the public health impact of alcohol consumption within the Statement.

**Recommended to Council:**

- 1. That the revised Statement of Licensing Policy published for consultation in July 2020 attached as Annex 2 to the report be recommended for approval by Council, subject to the revisions set out in the report and a further revision to reference the fact that the Policy may need to be amended to reflect the Coronavirus pandemic.**
- 2. That the policy be effective for a five year period commencing 7 January 2021 subject to the policy being kept under review and the Council making such revisions to it at such times as it considers appropriate.**

(The meeting terminated at 5.49 pm)