

# Minutes



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OF A MEETING OF THE

## Licensing Acts Committee

HELD AT 10.00AM ON WEDNESDAY 14 JULY 2010

AT THE GUILDHALL, ABINGDON

### Present:

Mr M Leonard (Chairman)  
Ms J Bland, Mr C Daukes, Capt J Flood, Mrs E Gillespie, Ms R Myer, Mrs M Turner

Also attending from Vale of White Horse District Council: Ms Zoe Patrick (Chair), Ms J Morgan (Vice-Chair), Mr R Farrell, Mr T Fraser, Ms J Mayhew-Archer, Ms A Rooke, Mr P Saunders, Mr R Sharp, Ms E Ware and Mr R Webber

### Officers:

Mr S Culliford, Mr N Haverson, Mrs M Reed.

## 4. Minutes

**RESOLVED:** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2010 as a correct record and agree that the Chairman sign them.

## 5. Joint Statement of Licensing Policy

In a joint session with the Vale of White Horse District Council's Licensing Acts Committee, the committee considered report 27/10 of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, which set out a draft statement of licensing policy. This was a joint policy developed with Vale of White Horse District Council. In the absence of any guidance from the new coalition government, the council had to review its policy in line with the existing legislation. However, if new legislation or guidance emerged, the council might have to review the policy again.

The committee considered the draft policy and made the following amendments:

- Paragraph 15.2, amend the last line to read "...Appendix 5 to this policy."
- Policy OS 11 to read, "A mandatory condition requires that free tap water is available on request where it is reasonably available."
- Policy OS 13, amend the last line in the second paragraph to read, "...in the "Safer Nightlife" booklet..."

- Paragraph 44.2 under the “Planning” heading to read, “Planning controls are covered in paragraph 10 and Policy GN8.”
- Appendix 3, paragraph A3.3.2 to read, “The strategy was produced through the South Oxfordshire Partnership...”

The committee asked the officers to check whether the legislation precluded notifying local members of variations to licences for village halls, and if not, to include this within the council’s notification procedure.

The committee noted that a twelve-week public consultation would follow on the revised draft policy. The committee would consider any responses to the consultation at their next meeting before recommending the policy’s adoption to the council in December.

**RESOLVED:** to approve the amended draft joint statement of licensing policy for public consultation, as required by section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003.

The meeting closed at 10.55 am.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_