

EXTRACT OF MINUTES

LICENSING & REGULATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 6 December 2023

1. **REVIEW OF THE LICENSING POLICY UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003 -
UPDATE FOLLOWING CONSULTATION**
(LR578)

The Licensing Manager introduced the report and summarised the main changes to the current policy which were proposed as a result of the consultation and set out in Appendix 1 to the report. She highlighted the following typographical errors:

- a) In paragraph 11.3a) of the covering report which should have referred to the Environment Act 1995 (not 2015 as stated).
- b) In Policy B3 the first bullet point should be divided into two sentences with separate bullet points.
- c) Correction to the paragraph numbers in the Counter Terrorism section of “Section B Public Safety” to B4 and B5.

The Licensing Manager responded to questions on the following:

- a) The potential impact of the new Levelling-Up and Regeneration Act 2023 on protection of national parks and whether consequential changes were required to the policy. The Licensing Manager agreed to investigate this further in order that any necessary amendments could be submitted to Council.
- b) The potential impact of the proposed additional Policy C6 on the future operation of large outside events held within the South Downs National Park (SDNP) area.
- c) The use of the word “adequate” in Policy B3.

The Committee agreed to an additional recommendation to give delegated authority to the Licensing Manager to consider the impact of the Levelling-Up and Regeneration Act as detailed below.

RESOLVED:

That authority be delegated to the Licensing Manager, in consultation with the chair of the Committee and the Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan, to agree revised wording to the Policy (if required) in response to the requirements of the Levelling-Up and Regeneration Act 2023.

RECOMMENDED (TO COUNCIL):

That the revised Statement of Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003 be approved and adopted as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, subject to any additional amendments required in response to the Levelling-Up and Regeneration Act 2023 as outlined above.