

LICENSING POLICY WORKING GROUP

WEDNESDAY 2 JULY 2003 AT 3.15PM

PRESENT: Councillor Morton (Chairman), Councillors Atkinson, Bloxham and Mrs Parsons.

Officers: J Messenger – Licensing Manager
M Lambert – Legal Services Manager
E MacKay –Committee Clerk

LPWG.09/03 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting of the Working Group held on 27 June 2003, copies of which were circulated at the meeting, were agreed as a correct record.

LPWG.10/03 DRAFT LICENSING POLICY

The Licensing Manager reported on the progress of the Bill through the House of Lords and the House of Commons. It was currently anticipated that Royal Assent would be given in mid July.

The Licensing Manager then tabled a revised draft of the Licensing Policy, which had been emailed to him from Penrith by an officer on the Cumbria Officer Working Group. He explained that he had not had time to look at the draft in any detail and suggested that Members may wish to take some time to examine the draft Policy and advise him directly of any comments or amendments.

The Licensing Manger could then take note of such comments and raise them at the next County meeting before sending the draft Policy out to County organisations as the first phase of consultation.

Members then suggested that the Licensing Policy should include a requirement for larger premises of a certain size to install electronic counting devices to monitor the number of customers entering a premises, and where appropriate monitor movement of customers between floors.

RESOLVED – (1) That the Licensing Manager include a requirement for electronic counting systems in larger premises, following consultation with the Police and Fire Services, within the draft Policy.

(2) That Members examine the draft Policy tabled at the meeting and advise the Licensing Manager of comments by close of business on Friday 3 July 2003.

(3) That the Licensing Manager takes note of the comments of Members and raises them at the next County meeting prior to sending the draft Policy out to County organisations as the first phase of consultation.

(4) That the next meeting of the Working Group be held on 22 July 2003 at 10.00am, as originally scheduled. If it is necessary to re-schedule the meeting, the Chairman will agree a new date and Members will be advised by the Committee Clerk.

The meeting ended at 3.25pm