

Licensing Policy Revision 2011

Changes from the original policy

There have been a number of changes to the original policy that was first adopted in 2005. These changes derive from two sources, firstly because of legislative and administrative changes and secondly following comments made during internal consultation with officers, the Police and the portfolio holder and chair of the Licensing and Regulatory Board. The Government has instructed that reviews of licensing policies should proceed even though it has recently consulted on the licensing process and is likely to make changes in the coming months. This summary draws out those changes made following consultation:

Page	Paragraph	Summary
6	Part A 1(b)	Clarity on the objectives of the policy.
6	Part A 4(a)	Revised community priorities
7	Part A 4(c)	Inclusion of early licences as well as late. Introduce issue of alcohol delivery along with take-away food. Issue of general store just selling alcohol.
10	Part B 6 (b)	New paragraph explicitly stating the times we expect off-licences to be selling alcohol
11	Part B 8	New section dealing with the proximity to schools
12	Part B 9	New section stating explicitly maximum percentage of floor space for alcohol sales of 30%. Statement about layout of shop to reduce crime and location of high strength beers etc.
14	Part B 12(c)	Statement about the DPPO and its effect on the licensing policy
14	Part B 13	Statement regarding licensing arrangements during the Olympic and Paralympic games.
15	Part C 1(g)	Explicit statement about expectation on attendance at Pubwatch and Offwatch and membership of the responsible retailers scheme
15	Part C 1(h)	Explicit statement about expectations for CCTV as crime prevention as well as safety.
18	Part D 1(e)	Statement expecting strict action when under-age sales have occurred.
18	Part D 2(b)	Series of statements about the type of activities that will result in the strongest action at review. Taken from statutory guidance.
20	Part E (2)	New paragraph dealing with Temporary Events Notices.
21	Part E 4(c)	Includes a sentence allowing ward members to be present during the hearing of applications in their ward although not taking part.