FOR ADOPTION BYCOUNCIL

10/83/Lic Statement of Licensing Policy

The committee received a report from the Licensing Manager regarding the “Statement of Licensing Policy”. The committee were advised that the proposed revised policy had been subject to 12 weeks consultation.

The Licensing Manager drew the attention of the committee to the request from the Police to extend the City Centre Cumulative Impact Area to include Hills Road (City to Purbeck Road) and the Cambridge Leisure Park Area to include Cherry Hinton Road. It was noted that the proposed revisions to cumulative impact areas would be subject to separate consultation.

Members of the committee made the following comments regarding the proposed policy

i) A small number of typographical changes were proposed to the policy.

ii) The request from the Police to extend the areas covered by cumulative impact areas was welcomed. It was requested that consideration should be given to joining up the areas between cumulative impact areas, with specific reference given to the area between Hills Road and Mill Road. The Licensing Manager advised that other authorities had been challenged for an area being too large.

iii) Based on the evidence presented in the report it was suggested that the City Centre Area should cover the Mill Pond area.

iv) The committee noted the ongoing consultation regarding changes to the licensing process. It was suggested that in future it might be possible to have a general policy of presumption against approval.

v) The ability of the city council to proactively extend or revise the cumulative impact areas was questioned. The Licensing Manager confirmed that any changes needed to be based on evidence.

The Divisional Licensing Officer and the Police Analyst responded to questions asked by members of the committee.

i) The Divisional Licensing Officer confirmed that the police responded to all calls for service equally irrespective of whether or not they came from a cumulative impact area or not.

ii) The Divisional Licensing Officer responded to the suggestion regarding the area between Hills Road and Mill Road, and advised that due to the nature of the area
there was a low density of licensed premises. The Police Analyst advised that the whole city had been reviewed in the preparation of the response, and areas with a high density of licensed premises and high prevalence of violent crime had been highlighted.

iii) In response to the suggestions regarding the Mill Pond the committee were advised that there was a low level of violent crime and the majority of licensed premises were restricted to members of the university.

iv) In future it was suggested that any analysis should also cover areas of high prevalence of violent crimes and low density of licensed premises.

The committee resolved (unanimously) to

i) Endorse the inclusion of a special policy on cumulative impact relating to all types of premises (both on and off licences) in the Statement of Licensing Policy.

ii) Agree that the special policy on cumulative impact is to continue in relation to the three existing areas:
   i. The City Centre
   ii. Cambridge Leisure Park
   iii. Mill Road

iii) Recommend that Full Council adopt the new statement of licensing policy and that the updated data provided by the police is included to replace the previous police data contained within the existing policy.

iv) Note the new request from the police concerning the section of Hills Road running from the city to Purbeck Road and extension of the Leisure Park area to include the section of Cherry Hinton Road running from Hills Road to Clifton Road.

v) Approve the commencement of public consultation as to whether the special policy on cumulative impact should be adopted/extended for the areas outlined in paragraph .iv of the resolution.

10/85/lic Licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues

The committee received a report from the Licensing Manager regarding the licensing of sexual entertainment venues.

The committee sought clarification on a number of points raised in the report, including the implications of not adopting the provisions. It was noted that conditions including those related to off-site advertising would be considered at a future meeting.

The committee resolved (unanimously) to recommend to Council that

ii) The licensing and regulatory functions and responsibilities are delegated to the Licensing Committee.