

## **Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at Pippbrook, Dorking from 7pm to 7.33pm.**

Present: Councillors: John Chandler (Chairman), Emile Aboud, Paul Elderton, Margaret Cooksey, Mick Longhurst, John Northcott, Iain Murdoch, John Northcott, David Preedy, David Sharland and Charles Yarwood.

### **9. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **10. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Paula Hancock.

### **11. Declarations of Interest**

None recorded.

### **12. Mole Valley District Council Statement of Licensing Policy made under section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 (2014-2019)**

The Committee considered the report set out on pages 5 to 38 of the agenda and other matters discussed at the meeting.

The Licensing Officer gave a brief overview of the proposed changes to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy made under Section 5 of the Licensing act 2003, and asked the committee to recommend that Council adopts the proposed Policy as amended.

The Committee noted the proposed amendments to the Policy and some Members questioned the proposed deletion to certain paragraphs detailing a process for adopting a Cumulative Impact Policy from the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and discussed its potential implications. It was suggested that a Cumulative Impact Policy seemed to provide a process for residents to raise any concerns and issues that may arise in their communities. During the discussion of this matter, it was noted that in order for the Council to adopt a Policy on Cumulative Impact, an evidence gathering process was required to support the decision to have this Policy.

A motion to request Officers to present a paper to the Committee on Cumulative Impact with the presumption to introduce the Policy on Cumulative Impact to the Mole Valley Statement of Licensing Policy 2014-2019 was proposed and agreed.

The Committee further noted that the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy is a living document and would need to be updated as and when necessary to reflect the changes in the law.

**RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:**

- a) the changes as detailed in the report be incorporated; and
- b) the proposed Policy as amended be adopted

**RESOLVED:** that Officers be requested to prepare a report on the Cumulative Impact Policy for consideration at a future meeting of the Licensing Committee.

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Chairman