



ADUR DISTRICT  
COUNCIL

Council  
14 December 2023  
Item 7A

## **Extract from the minutes of the Adur Licensing Committee - 11th September 2023**

### **ADC - LC/06/23-24      Licensing Act 2003 – Review of Statement of Licensing Policy**

Members thanked Officers for the hard work they had undertaken on the review and had questions for the presenting Officer regarding wording and minor errors of some parts of the policy.

In response to a member's question regarding how robust the Officer considered the current policy to be, the Officer confirmed that the Adur Policy, although untested recently, was very similar to the Worthing Policy which had stood up well legally and hadn't been subject to any challenges in court that he was aware of.

Members also asked the Officer about the 'safe spaces' mentioned in the report on page 39. The Officer clarified that Sussex Police have developed an app that will show the user where their nearest safe space is. He agreed that he would have details of this added to the Council website.

Members explored the way Licence holders could be made to feel able to report issues without fear of losing their licences. The Officer explained that Sussex Police were always keen to work with Licence holders rather than against them. In Worthing, the organisation PubWatch assisted greatly in this relationship and the Council's Licensing Department was keen to have a similar organisation set up in Adur.

Although Sussex Police's comments regarding licenced premises applying for later and later opening hours wasn't deemed relevant in Adur, the Officer confirmed for Members that shoplifting, and the difficulty that traders and police have dealing with it, was more of an issue in this area. Whilst some premises seemed to deal harshly with perpetrators of theft from shops, other premises, due to fears of physical abuse, did not encourage their staff to address shoplifters. The Officer explained that this latter approach could be considered to be undermining the licensing objectives and suggested that Officers may advocate employing security staff in such premises.

A proposal was put forward to approve the draft policy, this was seconded and voted on with a unanimously in favour outcome.

**Resolved,**

**The Licensing Committee considered the draft Statement of Licensing Policy and the representations received and recommended a final draft to full Council for adoption.**

(Link to the report on the website e.g. [Adur Licensing Committee - 11th September 2023](#))



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**Extract from the minutes of the Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee - 30th  
November 2023**

**JOSC/0xx/23-24      Review of JOSC Work Programme**

*Details to follow the publication of minutes from the meeting of the Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee on the 30 November 2023.*

**Resolved:**

(Link to the reports on the website e.g. [Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee - 30th November 2023](#) and [Work Programme](#))



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**Extract from the minutes of the Adur Joint Strategic Sub-Committee - 7th  
December 2023**

**AJSSC/0xx/23-24      Council Tax Support Scheme for Adur District Council in  
respect of 2024/25**

*Details to follow the meeting of the Worthing Joint Strategic Sub-Committee meeting  
on the 5 December 2023.*

**Resolved:**

(Link to the report on the website e.g. [Adur Joint Strategic Sub-Committee - 7th December 2023](#))