# **Licensing and Protection Panel**

#### Report of the meeting held on 19th February 2007

#### **Matters for Information**

# 9. DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACES ORDER: WHEATFIELDS RECREATION AREA, ST IVES

The Panel has given consideration to a proposal for a Designated Public Places Order to be made under the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 for the Wheatfields recreation area in St Ives.

This would be the first such Order that would be made by the Council. Although this will not make the consumption of alcohol an offence, it does give the Police greater powers to control alcohol being consumed in that area, which includes requesting a person to stop drinking and also the power to confiscate the alcohol. The proposal already has a wide measure of support including the Huntingdonshire Community Safety Partnership and the St Ives Town Council.

Having noted that a 28 day consultation period is required before the Order can be made and having heard evidence relating to alcohol related disorder that has occurred within the area, the Panel has authorised the Director of Operational Services to make a Designated Public Places Order for the Wheatfields recreation area in St Ives after consultation with the Chairman and subject to there being no material representations as a result of the public consultation.

## 10. DELEGATED POWERS

The Panel has considered the implications of revised regulations and guidance issued by the Food Standards Agency. Under the circumstances, the Head of Environmental and Community Health Services and Director of Operational Services have been authorised to institute legal proceedings following consultation with the Chairman or Vice-Chairman and to appoint suitably qualified, experienced and trained Officers to carry out duties and other matters arising from The Products of Animal Origin (Third Country Imports) (England) Regulations 2006.

### 11. FEES AND CHARGES

The Panel has approved an increase in fees for the licences administered by the Licensing Section of the Administration Division, by an inflationary rate of around 3% for 2007/08 in the case of those charges which the Council has the discretion to set. The only

exception is fees for vehicle licences which have risen because the charge for vehicle examinations undertaken by a private garage has increased.

### 12. STREET TRADING AND STREET CONSENTS

The Panel has received the Schedule of Conditions relating to Street Trading licences and consents approved by the Council under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 and made changes where appropriate.

**Other Matter for Information** 

### 13. LICENSING AND PROTECTION APPLICATIONS SUB-GROUP

The Panel has received and noted the Minutes of recent meetings of the Licensing and Protection Applications Sub-Group.

> J M Sadler Chairman