

---

# Licensing Committee

Report of the meeting held on 16 June 2010

---

---

## Matters for Information

---

### 1. LICENSING ACT 2003 – NEW MANDATORY CONDITIONS

The Committee has been acquainted with five new mandatory conditions that have been introduced for licences granted under the Licensing Act 2003 for the sale and supply of alcohol. Following concerns nationally about the costs of crime and disorder linked to alcohol consumption, the intention of the conditions is to ensure good practice and consistency within the industry in trying to prevent irresponsible drinking and associated activities.

The conditions, which will be applicable to all premises licences and club premises certificates will:

- ◆ ban irresponsible drinking promotions and activities;
- ◆ ensure free tap water is available for customers;
- ◆ ensure all premises that sell alcohol have an age verification policy for anyone that looks under 18 years of age;
- ◆ ensure that small measures are available to customers; and
- ◆ ban the practice of alcohol being dispensed directly into the mouth of another person.

Breaches of the mandatory code will result in a range of possible sanctions including the revocation of the licence or certificate, additional conditions or, on summary conviction, a fine not exceeding £20,000 and/or six months imprisonment.

J T Bell  
Chairman