

**EXTRAORDINARY LICENSING COMMITTEE held at 7.30pm  
at COUNCIL OFFICES HIGH STREET SAFFRON WALDEN on  
29 NOVEMBER 2005**

Present:- Councillor J I Loughlin – Chairman  
Councillors K R Artus, R F Freeman, E W Hicks, R  
M Lemon, A Marchant, and J P Murphy.

Officers in attendance:- M Hardy, M Perry, C Roberts and A  
Turner

L145 **LIAISON MEETING WITH THE UTTLESFORD TAXI DRIVERS  
ASSOCIATIONS**

A liaison meeting with the Uttlesford taxi drivers associations was held immediately before the Committee meeting, and a note of the liaison meeting is appended to these minutes. There were no matters for discussion arising from the liaison meeting.

L146 **DRAFT LICENSING POLICY.**

The Council's Solicitor reminded the meeting that on 14 September 2005 the Committee had resolved to adopt a revised draft licensing policy as a basis for consultation. The report now before the Committee was to inform Members of the response to the consultation exercise to date.

The draft revised Licensing Policy approved by the Committee had been posted on the Council's website. Letters had been sent to all statutory consultees, all licensees and all town and parish clerks within the district, breweries with premises within the district and trade representatives.

The closing date for the consultation period was 25<sup>th</sup> November 2005. Responses had been received from Saffron Walden Town Council, supporting the proposed changes to the policy, and from The British Institute of Inn Keeping and Brewers who were pleased to participate in the consultation process. The Council's Solicitor reported that in addition an e mailed response had been received from Mr P Riding asking for public access to licensing data via the web site. Mr Riding had been informed that new software was awaited for this sort of purpose but that at present there were no facilities to enable the public to inspect licensing data via the web site.

RESOLVED that the Committee recommends the draft revised Licensing Policy to Full Council on 13 December 2005 for adoption.