

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

REPORT TO: Regulatory Committee
DATE: 14th November 2005
REPORTING OFFICER: Council Solicitor
SUBJECT: Licensing Code of Practice
WARDS: Boroughwide

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To consider the adoption of a Licensing Code of Practice.

2. RECOMMENDED: That the Committee determine which code or codes of those available should be approved for further consultation among Members.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The Council has adopted a Planning Code of Practice for use in development control matters. On 12th January 2005 the Standards Committee requested that the Regulatory Committee be asked for their views on the adoption of an equivalent Code for licensing matters. The document proposed by the Standards Committee is set out at [Appendix 1](#).

3.1 No advice or directive from central government has been received on this matter. However, advice has been received from LACORS and this is set out at [Appendix 2](#).

3.2 Although Appendix 2 applies specifically to the functions of the Committee under the Licensing Act 2003 the principles can be applied to the whole of the jurisdiction of the Committee.

3.3 The Committee is asked to consider documents and select one or both (or a combination of each) for further consultation and consideration.

3.4 It would be appropriate to aim to achieve an adopted code by the end of 2005 which would roughly coincide with the full implementation of the Licensing Act 2003.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no other policy considerations.

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no other implications arising out of this report.

6. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

- 6.1 This report is based on the Licensing Act 2003 and statutory registers held by the Council. In addition the DCMS and LACORS web-sites have provided background information.