

The main changes are:

- Section 3 - The licensing objectives. This area of the draft policy has been updated with various new measures including the prevention of open bottles or other drink containers being carried from premises; ensuring digital CCTV systems comply with Home Office guidance and how to obtain this guidance; zero tolerance drugs policies; monitoring of capacity levels; measures to supervise beer gardens and smoking areas; a stronger stance on the protection of children etc..
- Section 6 (Subsections 6.1 & 6.2) about licensing hours has been redrafted to more clearly reflect the current legislation and to re-emphasis that there is no presumption for longer opening hours.
- Section 8 (Subsections 8.8, 8.9 & 8.10) – a re-emphasis on the protection of children in relation to films and theatres and to formally name the Children & Young People’s Services of Devon County Council as being competent to advise the Licensing Authority on matters relating to the protection of children from harm.
- Section 12 (12.7) and 22 (22.3) an explanation of the effects of the EU Services Directive on the exemption for the service of applications and notices on Responsible Authorities where applications and notices are served on line in accordance with the EU Directive.
- Section 12 (12. & 12.10) an improved explanation on the review procedure.
- Section 15 (15.1, 15.2 & 15.3) a completely new section on anti social behaviour.
- Section 16 (16.1,16.2 & 16.3) This section sets out the standard of CCTV that the Authority expects when attaching conditions to licences and certificates requiring the provision on CCTV at the premises whilst they are open.
- Appendix B (Glossary of Terms). The definition of who is an ‘Interested Party’ has been updated to include ‘An elected councillor of the Licensing Authority’. (Section 33 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 that received Royal Assent in November 2009 amended the Licensing Act allowing District Councillors to independently make comment on licensing applications and apply for reviews.)