
Licensing and Safety Committee 8th September 2010

Report of the Director of Corporate Resources

Review of Licensing Policy

Purpose

1. For the committee to give consideration to the approval of the Licensing Policy following consultation with relevant authorities and parties.

Background

2. The Licensing Act 2003 requires the Council to review and publish a statement of its Licensing Policy every three years.
3. The original Licensing Policy was approved on the 6th of December 2004 by full council and published on the 7th of February 2005. This was subsequently reviewed in March 2007 with the addition of the Cumulative Impact Policy.
4. The Committee recommended approval to the Council of the current Licensing Policy on the 13th of November 2007 which was followed by Council approval on the 3rd of December 2007. The Licensing Policy was published 7th January 2008 and came into force on the 7th February, 2008.
5. In May 2010 letters were sent to the statutory consultees and a wide number of organisations informing them of the revision of the Licensing Policy, inviting their comments by the 31st of August 2010 and directing them to the Licensing Web Site where a draft Licensing Policy could be viewed.
6. There is a comprehensive list of consultees attached as an appendix to the Licensing Policy.
7. A copy of the draft revision of the Licensing Policy is attached as appendix 1 to this report.

8. A copy of a table showing the comments received from the consultees is attached as appendix 2 to this report.

Finance

9. There are no financial implications to the Council

Law


10. Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 requires the Council to prepare and publish a statement of its Licensing Policy every three years .
11. Section 5 – 8 of the Licensing Act 2003 allows for the policy to be determined by full Council.

Equal Opportunities

12. This report complies with the Council's policy on equal opportunities
13. The Licensing Policy will impact on children and young people by their attendance at premises licensed by the Council
14. There has been no direct consultation with children and young people in developing these proposals. However Children's Services have been consulted on the review of the Licensing Policy

Recommendation

15. That the Committee approve the Licensing Policy.



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