

LICENSING COMMITTEE

8 DECEMBER 2010

REPORT OF HEAD OF REGULATORY SERVICE

**LICENSING ACT 2003
REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY**

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform members of this Council's responsibility to review its licensing policy and invite members to approve this reviewed policy. Appendix 1

1.2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 **That this Committee recommends that Full Council adopt this Policy.**

3.0 KEY ISSUES

3.1 The Licensing Act 2003 requires the Council to review its Licensing Policy every three years. Licensing Act 2003 S.5 (1) (a)

3.2 All Licensing Authorities are required to produce and publish a reviewed Statement of Licensing Policy to take effect no later than 11 January 2011.

3.3 If approved this Policy will go forward to Full Council for adoption on 16 December 2010.

3.4 The proposed changes to this Policy are in italics, these are minor changes with the exception of the adoption of a Cumulative Impact Policy.

3.5 The Cumulative Impact Policy has been introduced at the request of Leicestershire Constabulary. The evidence provided to prove the need for this is attached as Appendices 1 & 2 of the revised policy.

4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 This Policy will determine the principles that the Council intend to apply in exercising their functions as the Licensing Authority under the act.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no Financial or other resource implications.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/POWERS

6.1 This review of the Licensing Policy has been undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003.

7.0 **COMMUNITY SAFETY**

7.1 The act contains four Licensing Objectives which underpin the functions that this authority will perform. These objectives are central to the regulatory regime of the Act. They are:

- Public safety
- The prevention of crime and disorder
- The prevention of public nuisance; and
- The protection of children from harm.

8.0 **EQUALITIES**

8.1 There are no changes that affect the Equalities Impact Assessment Report.

9.0 **RISKS**

9.1 There are no risks relating to this report.

10.0 **CLIMATE CHANGE**

10.1 There are no Climate Change implications relating to this report.

11.0 **CONSULTATION**

11.1 This reviewed Licensing Policy has been prepared following consultation with the general public, Responsible Authorities, Interested Parties and Bodies representing business and residents. Proper consideration has been given to the comments received. 2 Responses were received, from Leicestershire Constabulary and from Trading Standards, minor alterations were made in the light of these responses.

12.0 **WARDS AFFECTED**

12.1 All wards

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Appendices : Appendix 1 - Draft Licensing Policy

Reference : Q : Committees\?