

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

26th June 2017

REPORT OF HEAD OF REGULATORY SERVICES

LICENSING ACT 2003
REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise members of amendments to this Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **That Full Council agree to commence consultation on the amended policy.**

3.0 KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 On 16 December 2015 Full Council approved the current Statement of Licensing Policy in relation to the Licensing Act 2003, which came into effect on 7th January 2016.
- 3.2 On 19 August 2016 Melton Town Centre was assessed on its suitability to hold the Purple Flag award. The assessment was successful and a subsequent report was provided offering recommendations for the future, one of which was to remove the Cumulative Impact Zone from the existing Statement of Licensing Policy.
- 3.3 Further to the recommendation by the Purple Flag assessors at 3.2, amendments were made to the Draft Statement of Licensing Policy 2017 to reflect this where section 5.8 was added as follows:
5.8 This Current Special Policy on Cumulative Impact will only apply to applications for new premises licences or club premises certificates or material variations where the Licensable Activities, as defined in the Licensing Act 2003, occur between the hours of 23:00 and 07:00.
- 3.4 On 26 June 2017 the Licensing & Regulatory Committee agreed to amend the Current Special Policy on Cumulative Impact as at 3.3 and also, that the revised policy at **Appendix 1** be presented to Full Council for an agreement to commence the 12 week consultation process.

3.5 In order to provide clarity for the users of this policy and ensure compliance with the Licensing Act 2003 the following has also been added to the Current Special Policy on Cumulative Impact:

5.9 The Current Special Policy on Cumulative Impact will only come into effect where relevant representations are received in relation to a specific application. If there are no representations the licensing authority must grant a premises licence/club premises certificate in accordance with the application.

3.6 Other minor changes to the Statement of Licensing Policy include formatting of the document and the inclusion of the list of consultees, the map of the Cumulative Impact zone and “pool of model conditions” as are referenced to in the 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/POWER

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 The 12 week consultation period will run from 28 July 2017 to 20 September 2017.
- 11.2 Any consultation responses will be presented to Full Council with a view to adopting the amended policy on 13 December 2017.

12.0 WARDS AFFECTED

- 12.1 All wards

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Appendices : Appendix 1 - Draft Licensing Policy

Reference : X:\Cttee, Council & Sub Cttees\Council Meetings\2017/18