



COUNCIL – 17TH NOVEMBER 2015

SUBJECT: LICENSING ACT 2003 – REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND SECTION 151 OFFICER

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- 1.1 The attached report, which informs Members of the necessity to review the Statement of Licensing Policy and the result of consultations carried out, was considered by the Licensing Committee on 24th September 2015, prior to its presentation to Council.
 - 1.2 The Licensing Act 2003 requires the Authority to publish a Statement of Licensing Policy to determine how applications are considered. The Authority is required to review the statement every five years, with the current Policy published in January 2011 and a revised Policy required for publication in January 2016.
 - 1.3 In reviewing the Policy, the Authority has consulted with relevant bodies and invited comments from residents and businesses throughout the county borough. Regard has been given to the Guidance issued by the Home Office and reflected in the revised Policy (as appended to the report) and there have also been a number of legislative changes that have a direct effect on the Policy. A number of statutory controls, which have an effect on the Licensing function, are set out in the revised policy, together with the inclusion of relevant data from the Local Health Board (recently added as a responsible authority by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2014).
 - 1.4 As conditions applied to licences or club premises certificates should be tailored to individual premises and standard/blanket conditions may not be applied, Licensing Officers have developed a Pool of Conditions to assist applicants and Responsible Authorities when drawing up and considering applications for premises licences, which are included in the revised Policy.
 - 1.5 Following consideration of the report, the Licensing Committee unanimously recommended to Council that for the reasons contained therein, the revised Statement of Licensing Policy be approved.
 - 1.6 Members are asked to consider the recommendation.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Report to Licensing Committee on 24th September 2015 – Agenda Item 5