COUNCIL

Wednesday, 22 January 2014

LICENSES ACT 2003 – REVIEW OF STATEMENT (REP1062)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. In the past the Licensing Authority was obliged, under the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003, to review its Statement of Licensing Policy every third year following its initial adoption; Legislation now allows for a five year period.

2. The Licensing Committee has approved a draft 4th edition of the licensing policy which has been amended to take into account the new legislation and revised guidance under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

3. The document went out to consultation for a period of 10 weeks; and no representations were received.

4. This report requests that the Council resolves to formally adopt the revised Statement of Licensing Policy.

Is the report Open or Exempt? Open

Wards Affected: All Wards

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 Since the implementation of the Licensing Act 2003 this Council has been the Licensing Authority for various licensable activities within its administrative area.

1.2 Section 5 of the Act requires that the Council has a Statement of Licensing Policy to guide its decisions which had to be revised every 3 years; this period has now been extended to 5 years.

1.3 The purpose of this report is to request Council to adopt the revised Statement of Licensing Policy for the publication January 2014.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 At its meeting on 20 June 2013 the Licensing Committee agreed a draft revised policy as the basis of a consultation as required by the Act.

2.2 The consultation exercise was completed on 06 September 2013 and no responses were received during this period.

2.3 The revised Statement of Licensing Policy is attached as Appendix A to this report for presentation to and adoption by Council (substantive changes to the Statement of Licensing Policy are shown in red).

2.4 It should be noted that there is an amendment at paragraph 7.5 of the Statement of Policy which reflects a change in Standards reporting; The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) 2007 having been repealed.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no financial implications.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council formally adopts the revised Statement of Licensing Policy for immediate publication.

APPENDICES – Appendix A.

BACKGROUND PAPERS - None