LICENSING COMMITTEE

Wednesday 6 June 2018

LICENSING ACT 2003 STATEMENT OF POLICY – REVISION (REP1885)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. In 2005 when the Licensing Act 2003 commenced, a Licensing Authority was obliged to adopt a Statement of Licensing Policy and review it every third year; Legislation now allows for a five year period.

2. The Licensing Committee is now asked to approve a draft 5th edition of the Licensing Statement of Policy (which has been amended to take into account the new legislation and revised guidance under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003) prior to commencement of a full consultation.

Is the report Open or Exempt? Open

Wards Affected: All Wards within the District

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 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. The third three year period expired in January 2014.

1.2 Under the provisions of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 the prescribed period for reviewing a policy was increased to five years; the current 4th edition of the Statement of Licensing Policy is valid from January 2014 until January 2019 – unless the Authority chooses to republish before that date.

2. PROPOSAL

2.1 The Licensing Committee is now asked to approve a draft 5th edition of the Licensing Statement of Policy.

In revising this policy, consideration has been given to:

- The requirements of the Act relating to licensing policy
- The advice contained in Guidance issued under s182 of the Act
- The provisions of recent legislation.

2.2 The proposed changes will be notified by means of:

- The Council’s Website

2.3 The following document is appended to this report:-

Appendix A – a copy of the draft Statement of Licensing Policy with changes highlighted by the use of red text.

3. HOW DOES THIS RELATE TO THE EAST SUFFOLK BUSINESS PLAN?

3.1 By giving clear guidance on licensing matters to applicants, licensees and the public; promoting economic growth for local businesses whilst enabling the community to make constructive representations should the need arise.

4. FINANCIAL AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATION

4.1 None.

5. OTHER KEY ISSUES

5.1 The decision affects the entire district.
6. CONSULTATION

6.1 Consultation timetable:

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<td>Report to Licensing Committee</td>
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<td>Public Consultation (joint consultation over both the Suffolk Coastal and Waveney districts)</td>
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<td>Adoption of Policy by full Council</td>
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7. OTHER OPTION CONSIDERED

7.1 None.

8. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

8.1 To comply with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003

RECOMMENDATION

1. That consultation on the draft licensing policy set out in Appendix A should commence in accordance with the timetable above.

APPENDICES

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BACKGROUND PAPERS.

None.