

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>COUNCIL</b>
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	John Blackledge, Director of Community and Environmental Services
<b>Relevant Cabinet Member:</b>	Councillor Jim Hobson, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	10 February 2021

## REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY AND CUMULATIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

### 1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider the recommendation of the Executive from its meeting on 25 January 2021 relating to the Statement of Licensing Policy and the associated Cumulative impact assessment including the recommendations of the Licensing Committee.

### 2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To approve the proposed Statement of Licensing Policy, as submitted to the Licensing Committee and the Executive for the five years to 10 February 2026.
- 2.2 To approve the approve Cumulative Impact Assessment as submitted to the Licensing Committee and the Executive, for the three years to 10 February 2024.

### 3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 The Council is under a duty to review its Statement of Licensing Policy every five years. The statement of policy, submitted to the Executive, has been subject to consultation in line with legislative requirements. The statement of policy is in line with the Secretary of State's statutory guidance and the Council's priorities.

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| 3.2a | Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? | No, if approved the revised Statement of Licensing Policy will replace the existing one. |
| 3.2b | Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget?                  | Yes  |

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

The Council is under a duty to review its statement of licensing policy every five years. If this review does not take place, the Council would not have a valid policy to inform its decision-making on licensing applications. An alternative would be not to publish a Cumulative Impact Assessment. This would reduce the ability of the Licensing Committee to refuse relevant applications in areas deemed saturated with licensed premises.

**4.0 Council Priority:**

4.1 The relevant Council priority is: “The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool”.

**5.0 Background Information**

5.1 The Council, as licensing authority is required by section 5 Licensing Act 2003 to determine its policy with respect to the exercise of its licensing functions for a five-year period and publish a statement of that policy. The existing policy was reviewed and a number of proposed changes were submitted to the Executive for approval.

5.2 In April 2018, the Police and Crime Act 2017 introduced section 5A Licensing Act 2003 replacing the previous cumulative impact (saturation) policies with cumulative impact assessments. A cumulative impact assessment (CIA) may be published where a licensing authority considers that the number of relevant licenses in respect of premises in one or more parts of its area is such that it would be inconsistent with the authority’s duty to promote the licensing objectives to grant any further licenses in that area.

5.3 The Executive at its meeting on 25 January 2021 considered a draft Statement of Licensing Policy and the Cumulative Impact Assessments following a formal consultation period approved by the Licensing Committee at its meeting on 25 February 2020.

5.4 All Members of the Council should have received copies of the papers considered by the Executive at its meeting on 25 January 2021, in connection with the Proposed Rent Review [available via this link](#)

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

**6.0 List of Appendices:**

6.1 Appendix 11(a) – Executive Decision Notice EX3/2021 - Review of Statement of Licensing Policy And Cumulative Impact Assessment – 25 January 2021

**7.0 Financial considerations:**

7.1 None.

**8.0 Legal considerations:**

8.1 The Council is under a statutory duty to review its Statement of Licensing Policy every five years.

**9.0 Risk management considerations:**

9.1 There are no risk management considerations.

**10.0 Equalities considerations:**

10.1 None.

**11.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:**

11.1 There are no sustainability, climate change or environmental considerations.

**12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:**

12.1 Consultation as required by the Licensing Act 2003 has taken place and the Licensing Committee has had sight of the responses received when considering the proposed policy.

**13.0 Background papers:**

13.1 Guidance issued by the Secretary of State under Section 182 Licensing Act 2003. Statement of Licensing Policy 2015.