

Report to:	COUNCIL
Relevant Officer:	Mark Towers, Director of Governance and Regulatory Services
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Campbell, Deputy Leader of the Council (Tourism, Economic Development and Jobs)
Date of Meeting:	8 July 2015

REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider the recommendation of the Executive from its meeting on 22 June 2015 relating to the Statement of Licensing Policy.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To approve the proposed Statement of Licensing Policy, as submitted to the Licensing Committee and the Executive.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 The Council, as Licensing Authority, is required by statute to produce and publish a Statement of Licensing Policy that sets out how it intends to exercise its functions under the Licensing Act 2003. The last full review of the policy took place in 2012 although amendments to the Town Centre Saturation Policy were made in 2013.

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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. |
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| 3.2b | Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? | Yes |
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- 3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

There are no other options.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priorities are:

- Safeguard and protect the most vulnerable
- Encourage responsible entrepreneurship for the benefit of our communities
- Create safer communities and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The Executive at its meeting on 22 June 2015 considered a draft Statement of Licensing Policy following a formal consultation period approved by the Licensing Committee at its meeting on 16 December 2014. The last full review of the policy took place in 2012 although amendments to the Town Centre Saturation Policy were made in 2013.

5.2 The decision notice from the Executive meeting is attached at Appendix 7(a).

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

List of Appendices:

Appendix 7(a) – Executive Decision Notice EX24/2015

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 Council must approve the statement of licensing policy before it can take effect.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 None.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 The proposed statement of licensing policy will it is envisaged support the licensing

objectives and strengthen the enforcement of the objectives.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 Formal consultation with licence holders, responsible authorities and other interested parties took place between 18 December 2014 and 12 March 2015.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 Consultation responses from the Director of Public Health, LR Law and The Property Partnership.