

**Report of the Service Director Law and Governance to the
Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board
to be held on the 21 December 2022**

Statement of Licensing Act 2003 Policy Review consultation 2022

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report, is to inform Members of the statement of Licensing Act 2003 Policy Review Consultation.

2. Background

As a licensing authority we must determine and publish a Statement of Licensing Policy at least once every five years, in line with statutory guidelines. In respect of this we have reviewed our current Statement of Licensing policy and are now in a position to carry out the statutory consultation before the final policy is determined.

3. Current Position

The Licensing Act 2003 requires the Council to have a “Statement of Licensing Policy” that sets out the policies that the Council will generally apply to promote the Licensing Objectives when making decisions on applications made under the Act.

The Licensing Act 2003 has four licensing objectives that a licensing authority must incorporate into any strategy. These are:

- The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
- The Prevention of Public Nuisance
- The Protection of children from harm
- Public Safety

The Statement of Licensing Policy will not override the right of any person to make an application, make representations about an application, or apply for a review of a licence, as each will be considered on its own merits and in accordance with the statutory requirements of the Act.

The consultation will run for 10 weeks commencing on 23rd December 2022 and finishing at 00:00 hours on 3rd March 2023.

4. Proposal

Members are asked to consider the consultation document and provide any views to the Licensing Officer in writing no later than 00:00 on the 3rd March 2023.

5. Recommendation

That members note and consider the consultation arrangements and respond accordingly to the consultation document

6. Officer Contact

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