

**Report of the Service Director to the
Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board
to be held on the 21 June 2023**

**Statement of Licensing Act 2003 Policy Review consultation
2022/23**

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the Statement of Licensing Act 2003 Policy Review Consultation responses and seek views and recommendations in relation to the same for Cabinet and Full Council.

2. Background

Members will be aware that 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 Officers produced our Statement of Licensing Policy and carried out a statutory consultation from the 23rd December 2022 until the 3rd March 2023 to seek the views and opinions of all interested parties.

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 ran for 10 weeks commencing on 23rd December 2022 and finished at 00:00 hours on 3rd March 2023 during which time Officers received two responses which are attached as Appendix 1.

Officers have considered the responses received and where appropriate the Statement of Licensing Policy has been updated to reflect the amended wording and points referred to. A copy of the response provided to Punch Pubs is attached as Appendix 2.

A copy of the amended draft policy is attached as Appendix 3.

4. Proposal

Members are asked to consider the amended draft policy and give proper weight to all responses received.

5. Recommendation

That members consider the draft policy and the consultation responses received and contained within the body of this report and make their recommendation to Cabinet and Full Council accordingly.

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