

Report of Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities)

Report to Council

Date: 15th January 2014

Subject: Recommendation of Licensing Committee regarding the Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy 2014-2018

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): City and Hunslet		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Appendix number:		

Summary of main issues

1. The Council adopted the first Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy in 2005 and this policy has been reviewed on a three yearly basis in line with the requirements of the legislation.
2. In April 2012 the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 made substantial changes to the Licensing Act 2003 which prompted an early review of the policy.
3. Licensing Committee formed a working group to look at the issues in June 2012 and Licensing Committee approved a draft report for public consultation from June to August this year. Licensing Committee have considered the responses and made final amendments to the policy. The policy is presented to Council for approval.

Recommendations

4. That Council approve the Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy 2014-18 as the new policy.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To present for consideration of Council recommendation of the Licensing Committee regarding the Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy 2014-18

2 Background information

- 2.1 Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 requires licensing authorities to prepare and publish a statement of licensing policy every three years. The council's first Statement of Licensing Policy was adopted by Council on 12th January 2005 and was reviewed in 2007 for adoption in December 2007. A reviewed and amended policy was adopted by Council in January 2011.
- 2.2 In April 2012 the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act made wide ranging changes to the Licensing Act 2003. These changes necessitated a review of the current Statement of Licensing Policy. One of those changes was to change the length of the lifetime of a policy from three to five years.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 In July 2012 Licensing Committee formed a working group of 5 elected members, supported by officers from Entertainment Licensing and Legal Services to look at the changes in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act and to propose changes to the current Policy.
- 3.2 The working group met on a monthly basis speaking to a range of experts on the relevant matters and a range of changes were proposed in a consultation document and draft Statement of Licensing Policy 2014-2018.
- 3.3 In May 2013 Licensing Committee approved a public consultation to obtain the views of those affected and the people of Leeds.
- 3.4 The council received 10 responses, which are detailed in the Consultation Report (attached to the Licensing Committee report). The responses were very useful and changes have been made to the Policy (attached at appendix 2) in response to those comments.
- 3.5 Taking into consideration all the comments made, the working group has made a number of changes to the draft policy, and presented it to the Licensing Committee along with the consultation response. The adoption of the new policy is a matter for Council; however it is for Licensing Committee to review the proposed policy and to refer the matter to Council. Licensing Committee recommend that the Council approves the policy.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 As per the attached report to the Licensing Committee.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 As per the attached report to the Licensing Committee.

4.3 Council policies and City Priorities

4.3.1 As per the attached report to the Licensing Committee.

4.4 Resources and value for money

4.4.1 As per the attached report to the Licensing Committee.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 As per the attached report to the Licensing Committee.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 As per the attached report to the Licensing Committee.

5 Conclusions

5.1 As per the attached report to the Licensing Committee.

6 Recommendations

6.1 That Council approve the Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy 2014-18 as the new policy.

7 Background documents¹

7.1 There are no unpublished background documents that relate to this matter.

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.