

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director People and Places	Licensing and Public Safety Committee	1 December 2010

LICENSING POLICY (LICENSING ACT 2003) REVIEW

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To advise Members of the current statutory review of the Councils Licensing Policy Statement made under the Licensing Act 2003 and to seek adoption of the Policy Statement subject to the outcome of the current consultation process.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. Members are asked to recommend approval to the Councils Executive Cabinet of the reviewed Licensing Policy Statement (Licensing Act 2003) subject to the following:
3. On the expiration of the consultation period (31 December 2010) the Head of Environment and Chair of Licensing and Public Safety Committee be given delegated authority to make any minor amendments arising out of any consultation responses.
4. On the expiration of the consultation period (31 December 2010) any major changes considered to be necessary as a result of the consultation response will be reported back to the Licensing and Public Safety Committee for further consideration and approval.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

5. The Council has a statutory duty under the Licensing Act 2003 to produce a Licensing Policy Statement which details how the Council will determine applications for licenses determined under the Act.
6. This duty also requires a periodic review of the Licensing Statement on a date prescribed by the Secretary of State which is on or before 7 January 2011.
7. The current Licensing Policy Statement has served the Council well over the past 3 year period and subject to the consultation period which runs from 1 November 2010 to 31 December 2010 no changes are proposed other than cosmetic amendments to reflect changes in organisations and structures that impact on the policy.
8. The proposed policy statement is attached at Appendix A and within that document Members will find the extent of consultation at 'Appendix 4'.
9. The consultation period is now halfway through and to date no responses have been received.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

(If the recommendations are accepted)

10. Recommendation for approval of the Policy Statement subject to the conditions noted is required to meet the deadlines and dates set by the Secretary of State and to ensure that on the 7 January 2011 the Council has a Licensing Policy Statement that meets the statutory requirements of the Licensing Act 2003.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

11. No alternatives have been considered.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

12. This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Put Chorley at the heart of regional economic development in the Central Lancashire sub-region		Develop local solutions to climate change.	
Improving equality of opportunity and life chances		Develop the Character and feel of Chorley as a good place to live	X
Involving people in their communities	X	Ensure Chorley Borough Council is a performing organization	X

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

13. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors' comments are included:

Finance		Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal	X	No significant implications in this area	

COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSFORMATION (HEAD OF GOVERNANCE)

14. No comments save to agree with those made within the body of the report.

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There are no background papers to this report.

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