

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director People and Places Introduced by the Executive Member for Places	Executive Cabinet	17 February 2011

LICENSING POLICY (LICENSING ACT 2003) REVIEW

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To advise Members of the outcome of the statutory review of the Councils Licensing Policy Statement made under the Licensing Act 2003 and to seek adoption of the Policy Statement.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- Members are asked to approve the reviewed Licensing Policy Statement (Licensing Act 2003), noting the consultation comments and the respective responses to them, and to recommend its approval and adoption by the full Council. The revised Policy Statement is attached at Appendix A and the List of Consultation Responses is attached at Appendix B

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

- 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.
- 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.
- The current Licensing Policy Statement has served the Council well over the past 3 year period and has been approved by the Councils Licensing and Public Safety Committee subject to amendments required as a result of the consultation period which ran from 1 November 2010 to 31 December 2010.
- At the close of the consultation period only one letter of representation had been received from the Director of Public Health NHS Central Lancashire. The detail and the Councils response is attached as Appendix B.
- Only minor changes have been made to the original draft in the light of consultation responses and these have been agreed with the Chair of Licensing and Public Safety Committee and Head of Environment in line with the delegation granted by the Licensing and Public Safety Committee at its meeting on 1 December 2010.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

(If the recommendations are accepted)

- Approval of the Licensing Policy Statement (Licensing Act 2003) is required to meet the Councils statutory obligations with regard to its licensing function and the requirement to undertake a three yearly review of the Policy Statement.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

9. No alternatives have been considered.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

10. This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Strong Family Support		Education and Jobs	
Being Healthy	X	Pride in Quality Homes and Clean Neighbourhoods	
Safe Respectful Communities	X	Quality Community Services and Spaces	
Vibrant Local Economy	X	Thriving Town Centre, Local Attractions and Villages	X
A Council that is a consistently Top Performing Organisation and Delivers Excellent Value for Money			

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

11. 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)

12. 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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