

Press Release

Lancaster City Council invites comments on the review of its Statement of Licensing Policy

ONE of Lancaster City Council's responsibilities under the Licensing Act 2003 is to implement a Statement of Licensing Policy and to carry out subsequent reviews of the policy every three years.

The legislation requires that before determining its policy, the council must consult with the police, fire authority, representatives of holders of premises licences, club premises certificates, persons authorised to sell alcohol and residents and businesses within the area of the council.

As the existing Statement of Licensing Policy was implemented in January 2008, the review process is now underway to ensure that the revised policy may be published and implemented by January 2011, in order to comply with the legislative timetable.

The council is therefore consulting on the review of its Statement of Licensing Policy and invites comments on the contents of a revised draft policy which can be viewed on the council website at www.lancaster.gov.uk/licensing-review. Copies are also available in the customer service centres at Lancaster Town Hall and Morecambe Town Hall.

For ease of reference a separate document is also available showing a summary of the proposed amendments to the existing policy, and these are reflected in the revised draft policy.

Any comments on the revised draft Statement of Licensing Policy should be submitted in writing to Mrs W Peck, Licensing Manager, Lancaster City Council, Palatine Hall, Dalton Square, Lancaster, or by emailing licensing@lancaster.gov.uk by no later than the November 2 2010.