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## **Legal and Human Resources**

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Dear Sir or Madam

### **LICENSING ACT 2003 - REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY**

Under the terms of the Licensing Act 2003 the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy has to be reviewed every three years. The current Statement of Licensing Policy came into effect in January 2008 and must, therefore, now be reviewed and a revised statement published by January 2011.

A revised draft Statement of Licensing Policy has been drawn up. The document recognises that the licensed leisure and entertainment industry is important to the social and economic life of the area, and seeks to establish sensible controls and appropriate guidance to help prevent and deal with anti-social problems which can arise from licensed activities. It takes account of the guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, together with the experiences of the Council as a licensing authority over the last five years.

The Council is consulting on the review of its Statement of Licensing Policy, and invites your organisation to make comment on the contents of a revised draft policy which can be viewed on the Council website at [www.lancaster.gov.uk](http://www.lancaster.gov.uk). Copies are also available in the reception areas at Lancaster Town Hall and Palatine Hall in Dalton Square, Lancaster and also at Morecambe Town Hall, Marine Road, Morecambe. 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.

All representations will receive due consideration prior to the final draft being placed before the Full Council for adoption. If you wish to make any comments on any of the aspects of the revised draft policy it would be appreciated if you could please use a "Consultation Response Form" also available on our Website and in the reception areas at the Council's offices above. Responses to the consultation must be returned to this office either by post or by email to [licensing@lancaster.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@lancaster.gov.uk) by not later than the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2010 to enable statutory timescales to be adhered to.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of this policy or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours faithfully

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