

# LICENSING ACT COMMITTEE

## Licensing Act 2003 Consultation on the Draft Revised Licensing Act Statement of Policy 18<sup>h</sup> June 2015

### Report of the Licensing Manager

#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report is to inform Members that the consultation process for the Licensing Act 2003 revised Statement of Policy as required by Section 5 of the Act will begin on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015.

**This report is public**

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

**That the report be noted.**

##### 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Statement of Licensing Policy is a requirement of Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 and has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Act and Guidance issued by Secretary of State for Culture Media and Sport under Section 182 of the Act (currently dated March 2015). The Licensing Authority is therefore, bound by the Act, any regulations made under it, and the Section 182 Guidance.
- 1.2 The Licensing Authority is required by regulations to update its Statement of Licensing Policy every 5 years. The current policy came into force in January 2011. A revised Draft Statement of Licensing Policy and a summary of the proposed changes has been prepared by the licensing manager and is attached at appendix 1 to this report.
- 1.3 For the purpose of reviewing the Licensing Policy, in accordance with the requirements of the Act, Lancaster City Council will consult with:
  - The Police
  - The Fire Authority
  - Representatives of existing holders of premises and personal licences
  - Representatives of existing holders of club premises certificates
  - Local businesses and their representatives
  - Local residents and their representatives
  - Public Health

#### 1.4 Consultation Process

Letters will be sent to all licence holders, and all other stakeholders, requesting responses by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

Copies of the Draft revised policy will be placed on the Lancaster City Council website on the licensing page, as well as in the Town Halls in Morecambe and Lancaster

A press release will be published in the Lancaster Guardian.

1.5 Any responses from the consultation will be reported back to this committee on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015.

1.6 The Policy will then go to full Committee on 17th December 2015, for implementation In January 2016, in order to satisfy the statutory time frames.

#### 2.0 Conclusion

2.1 The Licensing Authority is required by the Act to revise its Statement of Licensing Policy every 5 years, and to consult with stakeholders, before publishing and implementing the updated Policy. This report is intended to inform members that the consultation process has started.

#### **CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

**(including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)**

None.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The report has been prepared on behalf of the Chief Officer, Governance.

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

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