

LICENSING ACT 2003 COMMITTEE

19 MARCH 2014

12 DRAFT STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

Councillor Niblock declared a non pecuniary interest in this matter (minute 9 refers).

Councillor Roberts declared a non pecuniary interest in this matter (minute 9 refers).

The Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment submitted a report seeking Members' approval of the Draft Statement of Licensing Policy in order that it may be presented to Council for approval.

The Licensing Manager reported that the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy had been subject to two reviews since its first publication in January 2005 and the most recent policy had been published in December 2010.

Members were advised that it is a requirement of the Licensing Act 2003 that the Licensing Policy be reviewed at least every five years and that it was appropriate that the current policy be reviewed and updated due to changes to the Licensing Act 2003. The Draft Statement of Licensing Policy was attached to the report which incorporated the changes to the Licensing Act 2003.

Members were informed that one response had been received from a Licensing Consultant which was supportive of the Policy.

Councillor Niblock outlined a number of amendments he wished to be incorporated into the Draft Statement of Licensing Policy prior to it being approved as a draft to be considered by Council.

Resolved – That, subject to the amendments proposed by Councillor Niblock, the Draft Statement of Licensing Policy be approved as a Draft to be considered by Council for approval as the Statement of Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003.