

WIRRAL COUNCIL

LICENSING ACT 2003 COMMITTEE

22 JANUARY 2014

SUBJECT:	DRAFT STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY
WARD AFFECTED:	ALL WARDS
REPORT OF:	STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENT
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Members' approval of the Draft Statement of Licensing Policy in order that it may be circulated for consultation.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 The Council's Statement of Licensing Policy was first published in January 2005. The policy has since been subject to two reviews and the most recent policy was published in December 2010.
- 2.2 It is a requirement of the Licensing Act 2003 that the Licensing Policy be reviewed at least every five years.
- 2.3 There have been changes to the Licensing Act 2003 since the current policy was published, it is therefore appropriate for the current policy to be reviewed and updated. The Draft Statement of Licensing Policy attached at Appendix 1 incorporates these changes. Proposed changes to the Policy are highlighted in bold and proposed deletions are scored with a line.
- 2.4 In accordance with Section 5(3) of the Licensing Act 2003 consultation must include:
- The Chief Officer of Police
 - The Fire and Rescue Authority
 - The Director of Public Health
 - Persons/Bodies representative of local holders of premises licences
 - Persons/Bodies representative of local holders of club certificates
 - Persons/Bodies representative of local holders of personal licences
 - Persons/Bodies representative of businesses and residents in its area
- 2.5 Notification of the consultation will be published on the Council's Website.
- 2.6 It is proposed that the period of consultation be six weeks closing on 7 March 2014 and that the outcome of the consultation be reported to a meeting of this Committee on 12 March 2014.

3.0 RELEVANT RISKS

3.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1 There is no provision for other options to be considered.

5.0 CONSULTATION

5.1 Consultation is a statutory requirement.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

6.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

7.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

7.1 Costs arising from the consultation process will be met from existing budgets.

8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 A decision of this Committee can be subject to Appeal.

9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality?

Yes An EIA is attached to the report

10.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

11.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no Planning implications arising from this report.

12.0 RECOMMENDATION

12.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Members' approval of the Draft Statement of Licensing Policy in order that it may be circulated for consultation.

13.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

13.1 It is a statutory requirement to consult on a Statement of Licensing Policy prior to it being published.

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APPENDICES

- Draft Statement of Licensing Policy

REFERENCE MATERIAL

- None

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date