LICENSING COMMITTEE
15 NOVEMBER 2018

REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY - CONSULTEE RESPONSES

1.0   Purpose of Report

1.1   To seek the Committee's approval to revise and update the Council's Licensing Policy and to seek approval from full Council.

2.0   Background

2.1   The Licensing Act 2003 requires the Council to have in place a Policy relating to the carrying out of its functions under that Act. In respect of carrying out its duties the Council is required to adopt and have in place a Statement of Licensing Policy relating to those duties. The Policy sets out the principles which the Council will apply in considering and granting licences under the Act.

2.2   The Act originally required the Policy to be reviewed every three years. The current Policy was adopted in January 2014 and therefore needs to be reviewed and adopted before January 2019.

2.3   In June 2018 a draft copy of the new Policy was presented to the Licensing Committee and it was agreed that, subject to some amendments suggested by Members of the Committee, the draft should be released for consultation.

3.0   Response to the Consultation

3.1   The draft copy of the revised Licensing Policy was made available on the web site for a period of 6 weeks. Letters confirming the consultation process and giving details of how to make a response were sent to various the organisations and agencies linked to the licensing trade.

3.2   A small number of representations have been received. The substantive responses are set out in **Appendix 1** with any suggested amendments to the Policy. There have been no substantial changes made as a result of the consultation responses.

4.0   RECOMMENDATION

That the draft Statement of Gambling Policy be considered and forwarded to full Council for approval.

Background Papers

Licensing Act 2003
Section 182 Statutory Guidance – Home Office

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