

COUNCIL MEETING - 11 DECEMBER 2018

STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To seek the Council's approval to adopt the 2019 - 23 Statement of Licensing Policy.

2.0 Background

2.1 The Licensing Act 2003 requires the Council to have in place a Statement of Licensing Policy relating to the carrying out of its functions under that Act. 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 2013 and therefore needs to be reviewed before January 2019. There is a statutory requirement to review the policy every five years, therefore, the next scheduled review will be 2023. However the Statement can be reviewed should it be required.

2.3 The Council is required to formulate its Policy with reference to the Statutory Guidance issued by the Home Office. The Guidance has been updated to take into account of various legislative changes and the Statement of Licensing Policy incorporates these changes. The policy has also been updated to provide more detail with regard to safeguarding issues in licenced premises.

2.4 In order to achieve a level of consistency across the County the Nottinghamshire Authorities have been working together on a joint format for the Statement. Members will appreciate that the Councils across the County are very different and therefore will require their Statements to reflect these differences, however, wherever possible attempts have been made to apply consistent phraseology.

2.5 In June a draft copy of the proposed 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 8 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 number of responses to the consultation have been received from the Licensing trade and the Licensing Committee have considered the Statement of Policy has been slightly amended to take account of the comments.

3.3 A final draft of the Statement of Licensing Policy is attached as **Appendix One** to this report.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the Statement of Licensing Policy for 2019 - 23 be approved.

Background Papers

Licensing Act 2003

Section 182 Statutory Guidance – Home Office

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