

Report to: Licensing and Environmental Regulation Committee

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Report of: Director of Place

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Report Title: **LICENSING ACT 2003
REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY**

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Purpose:

To invite the Licensing and Environmental Regulation Committee (acting as the Licensing Act 2003 Committee) to consider the Statement of Licensing Policy following consultation and Policy Development Group recommendations.

Recommendations:

The Licensing and Environmental Regulation Committee (acting as the Licensing Act 2003 Committee) (LERC) is asked to comment on the Statement of Licensing Policy following consultation and Policy and Development Group recommendations. LERC is also asked to recommend to Full Council that the new Policy is adopted as Bolton Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

Decision:

Summary:

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 The Licensing and Environmental Regulation Committee will be aware that the Council is required to review, consult and publish a Statement of Licensing Policy by Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003.

1.2 The Council have previously published a Statement of Licensing Policy in 2005, 2008 and 2012.

1.3 This review of the Statement of Licensing Policy has resulted in a new policy taking account of changes to legislation and Bolton Council's Vision.

2 PROPOSALS

2.1 Members will be aware that the new Statement of Licensing Policy was circulated for consultation in accordance with Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 as approved by LERC on 16th February 2016.

2.2 Copies were circulated to the responsible authorities and to representatives of: premises licence holders; club premises certificate holders; town councils, residents and businesses. The document was also placed on the Council website.

2.3 Consultation ran for four weeks from 17th February 2016 to 16th March 2016. A summary of the consultation is attached to the report as Appendix A.

2.4 The consultation response focussed on welcoming the inclusion of The Protection and Improvement of Public Health and an offer from Bolton CVS to work in partnership with the Licensing Authority. Greater Manchester Police were involved in the development of the draft policy.

2.5 There have been no amendments to the Statement of Licensing Policy following consultation. The Statement of Licensing Policy 2016-2021 is attached to the report as Appendix B.

2.6 Consideration has been given to the impact of the new Statement of Licensing Policy. The final Equality Impact Assessment is attached at Appendix C. No major impacts have been identified.

2.7 The new Statement of Licensing Policy will need to be adopted by Full Council as it is part of the Council's Policy Framework under the Scheme of Delegation.

2.8 The new Policy will last for 5 years, unless changes to legislation or other changes require a refresh of the policy before then.

3 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 LERC is asked to comment on the Statement of Licensing Policy following consultation and Policy and Development Group recommendations.

3.2 LERC is also asked to recommend to Full Council that the new Policy is adopted as Bolton Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.