



AGENDA ITEM: 17

COUNCIL: 12 DECEMBER 2007

Report of: Council Secretary and Solicitor

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SUBJECT: REVISED STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

District wide interest

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To seek confirmation of the Council's revised statement of Licensing Policy

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That, in accordance with Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003, the Statement of Licensing Policy with respect to the exercise of the Licensing Authority's functions under the Licensing Act 2003, as set out in Appendix B to this report be approved.

2.2 That the Executive Manager Community Services be authorised to publish the agreed Statement of Licensing Policy prior to the statutory deadline of 7 February 2008.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 The report attached as an appendix was considered by the Licensing and Gambling Committee on 27 November 2007.

3.2 The Committee agreed the recommendation set out at paragraph 2.1 of the report.

3.3 Following the meeting of the Licensing and Gambling Committee, a member of that Committee, who had not been able to attend the meeting, contacted officers with a series of comments and observations relating to the policy as considered by the Committee. Officers have therefore, in consultation with the Chairman of the Licensing and Gambling Committee given consideration to the issues raised

and have made appropriate amendments to the Policy prior to its submission to the meeting of the Council. The draft Statement attached to this report therefore contains the amendments made following the Licensing and Gambling Committee meeting.

- 3.4 The Executive Manager Community Services has confirmed that the changes made to the draft Statement do not affect the content other than to vary the wording slightly and to correct typographical errors etc.

Background Documents

There are no background documents (as defined in Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) to this Report.

Equality Impact Assessment

There is no evidence from an initial assessment of an adverse impact on equality in relation to the equality target groups.

- Appendix:**
- A. report of the Executive Manager Community Services considered by Licensing and Gambling Committee on 27 November 2007
 - B. revised Draft Statement of Licensing Policy