

STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

Reporting Officer: Head of Democratic Services

SUMMARY

Cabinet on 10 December 2020 reviewed the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and resolved to refer it to Full Council for adoption in line with the legal and constitutional requirements for policy framework documents. The full Statement of Licensing Policy is available on the Council website and in the Group Offices.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Statement of Licensing Policy be adopted w.e.f 14 January 2021 to 14 January 2026

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The Council is required to review its licensing policies at regular intervals to ensure that it is carrying out licensing functions in accordance with current legislation. Cabinet at its meeting on 24 September 2020 approved the draft Policy to be consulted between 5 October and 22 November 2020. Responses were then considered by Cabinet, including those from the Licensing Committee, at its meeting on 10 December 2020.

Members wishing to view the responses can find these in the Cabinet report. The revised Statement of Licensing Policy include updates in legislation and reflect current working practices. They will provide residents, licensing applicants and service users with an up to date and fit for purpose policy document.

Finance comments

There are no material financial implications associated with the implementation of this revised Statement of Licensing Policy. No amendments to the cost of licences for individual businesses or the overall income receivable by the Council are expected to arise from these amendments.

Legal comments

The Council has a statutory duty under Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 to review and republish its Statement of Licensing Policy every 5 years. Pursuant to this statutory timeframe, Council is advised that the current Statement of Licensing Policy will expire in January 2021 and therefore needs to be renewed.

Background Papers: None