

Report to the Council

Committee: Licensing

Date: 2 November 2010

Subject: Statement of Licensing Policy

Item: 14

Chairman: Councillor Pat Brooks

Recommendation:

That the attached Statement of Licensing Policy be adopted.

The Licensing Act 2003 requires that a Licensing Authority reviews and publishes its licensing policy every three years and for consultation to take place on the proposed policy. A review must be completed before 7 January 2011.

On 14 April 2010, we agreed a draft policy for consultation. The policy was written taking account of the statute and guidance issued by the Secretary of State under Section 182 of the Act. The provisions of the Act require consultation with the following:

- (a) the Chief Officer of Police for the District;
- (b) the Fire Authority for the District;
- (c) such other persons as the Licensing Authority considers to be representative of holders of premises licences, club premises certificates and personal licences issued by the Authority; and
- (d) such other persons as the Licensing Authority considers to be representative of businesses and residents in the area.

The full list of consultees is shown in Appendix 2 to the attached policy.

Four replies were received to the consultation exercise which we considered at our meeting on 13 October 2010. In considering the representations made we took into account of the guidance issued by the Secretary of State and agreed not to adopt any of the suggested amendments to the policy.

We recommend adoption of the attached policy.