

# ***Report to the Council***

**Date: 30 July 2013**

**Committee: Licensing**

**Chairman: Councillor K Angold-Stephens**

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## **STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY**

### **Recommending:**

**That the attached revised Statement of Licensing Policy be adopted**

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1. The Council's current Statement of Licensing Policy was adopted by the Council in 2011 and was due for review in 2014. However, at our meeting on 10 October 2013 we were informed of the need to review the Statement before that time in order to reflect amendments made to the Licensing Act 2003 by the Police and Social Responsibility Act 2011.
2. We were informed that Government guidance suggested the need to revise the Statement to reflect:
  - (i) recognition of the Council's equality duty and an explanation of how this duty would be complied with;
  - (ii) the addition of the Licensing Authority and Primary Care Trusts to the list of responsible bodies to be consulted on for any particular application;
  - (iii) the removal of the vicinity test for any person or business making a representation upon a particular application, although the representation now had to be related to one of the four licensing objectives;
  - (iv) conditions that were considered 'appropriate' rather than 'necessary' could now be imposed upon any premises licence or club certificate;
  - (v) additional issues for applicants to take into account in respect of the 'Protection of Children from Harm' licensing objective; and
  - (vi) the Council, when exercising its environmental functions, could now object to an application for a Temporary Event Notice.
3. We considered a draft revised policy and requested officers to undertake public consultation on the document.
4. At our meeting on 10 April 2013, we considered the responses to the consultation exercise and a further revised Statement incorporating a number of the consultation comments. We made additional amendments at our meeting and now recommend adoption of the Statement attached as an Appendix to this report.