



Agenda Item 5

Licensing and Regulatory Committee 16 November 2020

Title: Revision of Statement of Licensing Policy

Lead Officer: Kathleen Rose

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Judith Falp

Public report

Wards of the District directly affected: All

Contrary to the policy framework: No

Contrary to the budgetary framework: No

Key Decision: Yes

Included within the Forward Plan: Yes

Equality Impact Assessment Undertaken: Yes

Consultation & Community Engagement: Public consultation from 15th October 2020 to 5th November 2020. The consultation was wide ranging and included the Responsible Authorities, holders of existing licences, representatives of the trade and businesses (local, regional and national), Councillors, Town and Parish Councils, local bodies representing vulnerable persons and members of the public. There was also a social media campaign drawing members of the public's attention to the consultation and inviting opinions on the draft policy.

Final Decision: Yes

Accessibility checked: Yes

Officer/Councillor Approval

Officer Approval	Date	Name
Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive	05.11.2020	Andrew Jones
Head of Service	05.11.2020	Marianne Rolfe
CMT		
Section 151 Officer		
Monitoring Officer		
Finance		
Portfolio Holder(s)	05.11.2020	Cllr Judith Falp

1. Summary

- 1.1. To present the reviewed Statement of Licensing Policy which is applicable to all Licenced Premises and request that it be forwarded to the Council for adoption.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. That the Licensing and Regulatory Committee agrees the reviewed Statement of Licensing Policy at **Appendix 1** to this report and recommends adopting the reviewed Statement of Licensing Policy to Council.
- 2.2. That the Licensing and Regulatory Committee notes that a full and robust investigation in to the establishment of a Cumulative Impact Policy for Leamington Town Centre is now underway.

3. Reasons for the Recommendation

- 3.1. The Licensing Authority is required to review its Statement of Licensing Policy before it expires on 5th January 2021.
- 3.2. The amended policy has been consulted upon and is attached as **Appendix 1**.
- 3.3. In line with Government guidance and legislation work is currently underway, in partnership with Warwickshire Police, to gather and analyse crime and disorder and nuisance data for the town centre. When this process is completed the findings will be presented to the Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

4. Policy Framework

4.1. Fit for the Future (FFF)

- 4.1.1. The FFF Strategy has 3 strands, People, Services and Money, and each has an external and internal element to it, the details of which can be found [on the Council's website](#). The table below illustrates the impact of this proposal if any in relation to the Council's FFF Strategy.

4.2. FFF Strands

4.2.1 External impacts of proposal(s)

People - Health, Homes, Communities - None.

Services - Green, Clean, Safe - The Licensing Authority recognises that residents within, and visitors to the District, need a safe environment to live, work and visit; and that safe and well run entertainment premises are important to the wellbeing of any person within the District.

Money- Infrastructure, Enterprise, Employment - The Licensing Authority recognises that entertainment premises within the District are an important source of local employment.

4.2.2. **Internal impacts of the proposal(s)**

People - Effective Staff – None.

Services - Maintain or Improve Services - None.

Money - Firm Financial Footing over the Longer Term – None.

4.3. **Supporting Strategies**

4.3.1. Each strand of the FFF Strategy has several supporting strategies. The Statement of Licensing Policy, provide guidance, consistency, best practices, transparency, proportionality and promotes safety and wellbeing to the community. This contributes to the Council's strategy of making Warwick District a great place to live, work and visit.

4.4. **Changes to Existing Policies**

4.4.1. None.

4.5. **Impact Assessments**

4.5.1. An Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out. It is consistent with the Council's duty under the Equality Act 2010.

5. Budgetary Framework

5.1. There are no budgetary implications arising from this Policy review.

6. Risks

6.1. It is a legal requirement to review the Statement of Licensing Policy every five years, not to carry out the review could lead to legal challenge.

7. Alternative Option(s) considered

7.1. No alternative to reviewing the policy is available as this is a legal requirement.

8. Background

8.1 A public consultation on the proposed Statement of Licensing Policy was launched on 15th October 2020.

8.2 A summary of the responses received is attached as **Appendix 2**.