

TO: ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –
8 SEPTEMBER 2004

SUBJECT: LICENSING ACT 2003 – DRAFT LICENSING POLICY STATEMENT

FROM: MEMBERS' SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To give the Committee an opportunity to comment on the draft policy statement which is at present, the subject of a consultation exercise.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Under the provision of the Licensing Act 2003 and guidance issued under it, the Council has to adopt a Licensing Policy Statement by 7 January 2005.

2.2 Before approving the policy, the Council has to carry out a consultation exercise.

2.3 A copy of the explanatory letter, the policy and a proforma for comments are attached. These have been sent to all existing licence holders, the Police, the Fire Authority, the County Council's Trading Standards and Children's Group, officers of the Council and other organisations and individuals who requested it. It has also been published on the Council's website.

2.4 The consultation letter is, hopefully, self-explanatory but I would emphasise the point that the contents of the policy are fairly prescriptive and therefore the Council cannot include anything it likes.

3. OUTCOME REQUIRED

3.1 Members are asked if they wish to comment on the draft policy.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL

Areas and the District Affected:	All.
Executive Portfolio Holder Area Holder:	Environmental - Councillor Mrs Begg
Key Decision:	No
Included in Forward Plan:	No

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