

| <b>REPORT TO</b> | <b>DATE OF MEETING</b> |
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| <b>SUBJECT</b>                                    | <b>PORTFOLIO</b>                              | <b>AUTHOR</b>   | <b>ITEM</b> |
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| PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S LICENSING POLICY | REGENERATION, LEISURE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES | JENNIFER MULLIN |             |

## **SUMMARY AND LINK TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

Following a number of changes to the Council's structure and legislation it is necessary to review and amend the Council's Licensing Policy.

Licensing supports all of the Council's corporate priorities but especially Efficient, effective and exceptional Council and Clean Green and Safe.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council approves the amended Licensing Policy.

## **DETAILS AND REASONING**

The Council's current Licensing policy was last reviewed in 2010 before being ratified by Council and published on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

It is appropriate at this time to update the policy to reflect the recent restructures which have affected the Council's Licensing service and a number of changes to national legislation which impact directly on the control and regulation of licensable activities.

The proposed draft policy which forms appendix A to this report, does not seek to introduce any new considerations or otherwise amend the Council's position in respect of considering applications for licensable activities.

This draft policy was presented to Licensing Committee on the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014 which approved the draft for public consultation. No comments were received following the consultation with all Responsible Authorities, Stakeholders and via the Council's web site. Following the Statutory consultation period the Licensing Committee met on the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015 and resolved that the revised Licensing Policy be recommended to Council for adoption.

## **WIDER IMPLICATIONS**

In the preparation of this report, consideration has been given to the impact of its proposals in all the areas shown below. A risk assessment has also been carried out. The table shows the implications in respect of each of these.

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| <b>FINANCIAL</b>              | None   |
| <b>LEGAL</b>                  | The Council is required to review its Licensing Policy at least every 5 years.<br><br>It is a function of the full Council to approve the Licensing Policy |
| <b>RISK</b>                   | None   |
| <b>THE IMPACT ON EQUALITY</b> | None   |
| <b>OTHER (see below)</b>      |  |

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| <i>Asset Management</i>                           | <i>Corporate Plans and Policies</i>            | <i>Crime and Disorder</i>                 | <i>Efficiency Savings/Value for Money</i> |
| <i>Equality, Diversity and Community Cohesion</i> | <i>Freedom of Information/ Data Protection</i> | <i>Health and Safety</i>                  | <i>Health Inequalities</i>                |
| <i>Human Rights Act 1998</i>                      | <i>Implementing Electronic Government</i>      | <i>Staffing, Training and Development</i> | <i>Sustainability</i>                     |

## **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Draft statement of Licencing Policy (Appendix A)