

REPORT TO	ON
FULL COUNCIL	21 MARCH 2018

September 2017



TITLE	REPORT OF
PROPOSED CHANGES TO LICENSING POLICY	PETER HAYWOOD

Is this report confidential?	No
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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The report invites full Council to formally adopt the proposed changes to the current Licensing Policy relating to (i) the use of vaping equipment and (ii) Safeguarding controls applicable to licensed operators.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Members of full Council are requested to formally adopt the 3 proposed revisions to the current Licensing Policy (as set out in section 4.1 of the attached report).

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

The report relates to the following corporate priorities

Clean, green and safe	x	Strong and healthy communities	
Strong South Ribble in the heart of prosperous Lancashire		Efficient, effective and exceptional council	

4. BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT

4.1 On 17 October 2017, the General Licensing Committee received a report detailing the outcomes of a consultation exercise regarding a number of proposed changes to the Council's Licensing Policy. Whilst the majority of proposed amendments were adopted without further comment (and went on to be adopted by the full Council at its meeting on 22 November 2017), a small number of the proposed changes were required to be amended and re-submitted for a second consultation exercise.

4.2 Matters on which further consultation was required related to:

- a) the inclusion of vaping equipment within the regulatory requirements applicable to tobacco products and e-cigarettes; and
- b) a strengthening of the wording in the Licensing Policy obliging operators to ensure that dispatch staff receive Safeguarding training, and that appropriate records of the training provided are kept and made available to Licensing Officers.

- 4.3 Full details of the proposed changes to the Licensing Policy were set out in a report to the meeting of the General Licensing Committee which took place on 23 January 2018 (a copy of which is attached to this report as Appendix 1). The attached report outlines the consultation exercise undertaken during November 2018, to which no formal responses were received.
- 4.4 At their meeting on 23 January 2018, members of the General Licensing Committee agreed with the officer recommendation to amend the current wording to the Licensing Policy, and confirmed their intention to forward the report to full Council on 21 March 2018 for formal adoption.

5. WIDER IMPLICATIONS AND BACKGROUND DOCUMENTATION

5.1 Comments of the Statutory Finance Officer

There are no financial implications arising from the revisions proposed in the recommendations in this report.

5.2 Comments of the Monitoring Officer

In order for the changes to the Licensing Policy to become effective, they will have to be formally adopted by Council.

Other implications:	
▶ Risk	The introduction of training for dispatch staff will help to provide a more robust response to the issue of Child Sexual Exploitation.
▶ Equality & Diversity	None
▶ HR & Organisational Development	None
▶ Property & Asset Management	None
▶ ICT / Technology	None

6. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Appendix 1 - report to General Licensing Committee on 23 January 2018 – Proposed Changes to Licensing Policy

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