

**b ITEM REFERRED FROM LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE: 26 OCTOBER 2020 – ADOPTION OF A STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY REQUIRED BY VIRTUE OF SECTION 5 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003**

**RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:** That the Statement of Licensing Policy be adopted.

**REASONS FOR DECISIONS:**

- (1) Licensing authorities are required to publish a policy every five years by virtue of section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 (“the Act”).
- (2) A new policy must be published by 7 January 2021 to comply with this statutory requirement.
- (3) The proposed policy builds on the success of the previous and existing versions of the policy, whilst reflecting legislative changes and the Council’s priorities.
- (4) Responses to the public consultation were limited and raised no significant opposition to any of the proposals.

The Licensing Manager presented the report entitled Adoption of a Statement of Licensing Policy Required by Virtue of Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 together with the following appendices:

- Appendix A - Draft Policy Published for Public Consultation;
- Appendix B - Summary of Consultation Responses with Officer Comments;
- Appendix C - Full Consultation Responses;
- Appendix D - Proposed Policy.

The following Member asked questions:

- Councillor Sam North.

In response to questions the Licensing Manager advised that:

- Fees under the Licensing Act were set by the Government, however these did not go any way to meetings costs;
- Licensing fees were set by the Executive Member for Housing and Environmental Health or the Service Director – Legal and Community.

Councillor Mike Rice proposed, Councillor Richard Thake seconded and it was:

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That the responses to the public consultation be noted;
- (2) That the proposed Statement of Licensing Policy attached as Appendix D be supported;

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*NB: The report and full Minutes can be viewed here:*

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