

REPORT OF SARAH PEARCE, LICENSING AND ELECTORAL SERVICES MANAGER

REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To report back to Members on the comments received from the recent consultation exercise in respect of the review of the Statement of Licensing Policy, which was required under the Licensing Act 2003.
- 1.2 To seek members agreement that:-
 - ❖ the proposed policy statement go forward to Full Council at their next meeting on 14th December 2010 for final approval.

2. SUMMARY OF BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Members will recall at their meeting on 23rd September 2010 a report outlining the requirement for a consultation to be undertaken on the draft Statement of Licensing Policy. The current policy will expire on 7th January 2011.
- 2.2 The Licensing Act 2003 requires that Lichfield District Council prepare and publish a statement of its licensing policy every three years.

3. THE OUTCOME

- 3.1 The consultation process ended on 30th October 2010 and a summary of responses is attached at Appendix A.
- 3.2 The various responses have been considered and where it has been deemed legally appropriate the draft policy has been amended accordingly.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None identified.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

5.1 None identified.

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| 6. RECOMMENDATIONS |
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6.1 That Members agree:-

- ❖ the proposed policy statement as attached at Appendix B go forward to Full Council at their next meeting on 14th December 2010 for final approval.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS RECEIVED

| Respondent | Comments |
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| PC Steve Williams, Staffordshire Police | Satisfied with the present arrangements in respect of the saturation policy as there is nothing to suggest that it needs to be extended or amended. |
| Cllr. Mrs D English | Agrees with the Police regarding the cumulative impact area. No other comment. |
| Peter Rear, Chairman of Beacon Street Area Residents' Association | BSARA supports the Police in their approach to Bird Street and Market Street as "hot spots". |
| Alrewas Parish Council | The draft policy was considered by Members at their meeting in September where it was approved. (A request was also made with regard to working with an adjoining neighbouring authority, South Derbyshire in light of some noise problems experienced at a recent music event held at Catton Hall. This is being explored outside of the licensing policy.) |
| Responses from Voice It | Advising of change of name to Staffordshire County Council Children & Lifelong Learning Directorate to Directorate for Children, Young People and Families. |
| Richard Matthews, Midlands Regional Secretary of the British Beer and Pub Association | A standard response to all licensing authorities in the process of reviewing their policies, containing general points which they would like taking on board. |