

THURSDAY, 22 AUGUST 2019

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF LICENSING**CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED LICENSING POLICY 2020-2025****EXEMPT INFORMATION**

none

PURPOSE

To give the Licensing Committee opportunity to formally respond to the proposed amendments in the licensing policy consultation document.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. The Committee note the consultation paper
2. The Committee's comments are included in the consultation process

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As the committee will be aware, the Council is required to produce a Statement of Licensing Policy under Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003.

The policy states how the council as the licensing authority will exercise its licensing functions in order to promote the four licensing objectives:

- a. The prevention of crime and disorder
- b. The prevention of public nuisance
- c. Public safety, and
- d. The protection of children from harm

The aim of the licensing policy is to ensure premises that will extend the diversity of entertainment and attract a wide range of participants are encouraged, rather than premises mainly or exclusively focused on the sale of alcohol.

The council believes that achieving this will promote the licensing objectives as well as support the Tamworth's vision of putting its people and the local economy at the heart of everything we do

The council is required under legislation to carry out a review of its Statement of Licensing Policy every five years.

The current statement was adopted in 2014 and we are now inviting comments as part of a wider consultation before an updated Statement is adopted by Full Council in December 2019.

The proposed changes to the current policy are in red text in the draft consultation document,

which is attached at Appendix 1

As part of this process there is also a consultation on a draft Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA) in respect of the town centre area. The CIA can be found at Appendix 3 of the draft Statement of Licensing Policy.

This consultation went live on the 21st June, and will close on the 21st September.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

N/A as this is a statutory process

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no resource implications arising from this consultation.

LEGAL/RISK IMPLICATIONS BACKGROUND

It is mandatory for the Council to have an up to date policy.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

none

APPENDICES

Draft Statement of licensing policy.