

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting3rd December 2015

1. Title of Item/Report

Review of Statement of Licensing Policy made under the Licensing Act 2003.

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on the Review of the Statement of Licensing Policy Made Under the Licensing Act 2003.

The Authority was required by the Licensing Act 2003 to publish a Statement of Licensing Policy that set out its guiding principles for making licensing decisions under the Act. The Statement of Licensing Policy needed to be renewed every five years. The Policy Statement took effect in January 2011 and was due for renewal in January 2016.

Following the Licensing Committee meeting on 15 July 2015, consultation on the revised draft was commenced with the publication of a newspaper advert and the draft Policy being placed on the Council's website. Contact was made with a number of interested parties, including all responsible authorities, existing premises licence and club premises certificate holders, trade bodies and associations and community groups and residents associations. In total, only three responses were received.

The responses received and the revised draft were considered by the Licensing Committee at their meeting on 20 October 2015, and it was agreed that the revised Policy be passed onto Cabinet and Council for final approval.

The main changes to the Policy Statement from the 2011 version were summarised within the report.

RECOMMENDED to Council that the Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy as presented in Appendix 1 be approved.

3. Reasons for the Decision

In order to fulfil its statutory duty under the Licensing Act 2003, the

Authority is required to publish a Statement of Licensing Policy. The Policy will assist in ensuring that licensing applications and disciplinary decisions are made in an open and transparent matter. This will strengthen the Council's position when dealing with any licensing appeals.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None.

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

N/A

Proper Officer
07 August 2015