

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....12th November 2020

1. Title of Item/Report

Licensing Act 2003 - Statement of Licensing Policy Review 2021

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet's views were sought for a proposal to readopt the current Statement of Licensing Policy which was statutorily due to renew by January 2021 until such a time as temporary legislation etc ceased, and there was sufficient and meaningful consultation carried out with licence holders in the hospitality trade and relevant stake holders. A final decision on the proposal would be made by full Council.

The Licensing Act 2003 required all Local Authorities to develop a Statement of Licensing Policy, and policies were to be reviewed at least every five years. Recent Government advice received was for local authorities to readopt the current Statement of Licensing Policy given the impact of COVID 19 on the licensed trade, the revised government regulations and current rules impacting the trade. It was considered that this provided a pragmatic and fair approach to all those working within the licensable activity sector, whilst continuing to meet our statutory obligations under the Licensing Act 2003.

The proposal to readopt the current Statement of Licensing Policy was circulated for response to Responsible Authorities under the Licensing Act 2003 and relevant Members, as well as being advertised on the Licensing website and within all library notice boards. Comments were to be received by 26 October 2020. No comments objecting to the proposal have been received.

The Licensing Authority plan to consult with licence holders in the hospitality trade and relevant stakeholders as and when the trade regains some degree of normal trading.

RECOMMENDED to Council that the current Statement of Licensing Policy be readopted.

3. Reasons for the Decision

Under the Licensing Act 2003 Local Authorities must develop and review their Statement of Licensing Policy at least every five years, choosing to readopt the current policy at this time provides a pragmatic and fair approach to all those working within the licensable activity sector, whilst continuing to meet our statutory obligations under the Licensing Act 2003.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillors Beall and Cooke each declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in respect of this item as a result of being non remunerated Board members on Tees Music Alliance.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

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

Not Applicable

Proper Officer  
16 November 2020