

Report of the Chief Executive

**REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY 2024 - 2029**

1. Purpose of Report

To recommend approval of the Council's draft revised Statement of Licensing Policy (SOLP) for statutory consultation.

2. Recommendation

**The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that the draft statement of Licensing Policy for the purposes of statutory consultation be approved.**

3. Detail

Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 requires licensing authorities to prepare and publish a statement of its licensing policy every five years. Such a policy must be published before the authority carries out any function in respect of individual applications made under the terms of the 2003 Act. A number of legislative changes have taken place since the last review in 2018 and the Home Office revised Section 182 statutory guidance has also made a number of amendments in respect of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Authority must now review, adopt and publish a new statement to reflect these changes by 7 January 2024

The Act obliges the licensing authority to consult widely on any revision of its SOLP. There are a number of statutory consultees outlined in the Act and a number of other interested parties and trade bodies have also been identified. A copy of the approved draft will be circulated to all of those so identified. Consultation is planned to commence on 13 September 2023 for a period of 6 weeks.

Members will also be aware that officers of the Nottinghamshire licensing authorities have been meeting to secure a co-ordinated approach to the new legislation and revised content of the SOLP. Considerable work has been undertaken by inter-authority groups to produce core documents common to the districts which reflect the statutory guidance.

There are no changes proposed for the policy statements

Further input has been received by Nottinghamshire Police Counter Terrorism Security Advisor (CTSA) in respect of counter terrorism advice for licensed premises following the publication of guidance for Martyn's Law. The Public Health team at Nottinghamshire County Council has also updated the health content of the policy. The draft revised licensing statement reflects the co-operation between the Nottinghamshire authorities.

A copy of Broxtowe's draft licensing statement is circulated with the agenda and will be placed in the members' room, on the intranet and on the Council's website as part of the consultation process.

Appendix 1 contains the proposed statement of licensing policy 2024-2029

Appendix 2 contains an Equality Impact Assessment

Appendix 3 shows a proposed timescale for consideration of the document and its adoption in time for the revised policy to be implemented.

Appendix 4 lists the substantive changes in the policy document.

4. Financial Implications

The comments from the Head of Finance Services were as follows:

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

5. Legal Implications

The comments from the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal Services were as follows:

The legal and policy considerations are contained within the report, therefore there are no direct legal implications arising from the report.

6. Human Resources Implications

The comments from the Human Resources Manager were as follows:

No comments

7. Union Comments

The Union comments were as follows:

No comments

8. Climate Change Implications

The comments from the Waste and Climate Change Manager were as follows:

No comments

9. Data Protection Compliance Implications

This report does not contain any [OFFICIAL (SENSITIVE)] information and there are no Data Protection issues in relation to this report.

10. Equality Impact Assessment

As this is a change to policy an equality impact assessment is included in the appendix to this report.

11. Background Papers

Nil