

Board/Committee:	Licensing Board
Date of meeting:	December 2020
Title:	Review of the Licensing Policy – Outcomes of Consultation
Author:	Head of Environmental Health
Status:	FOR DECISION

Purpose

This report sets out the updated Licencing Policy following a 12-week consultation, for approval and recommendation to Full Council.

Recommendation

That the Regulatory Board recommend to Council the approval of the Licensing Policy

1.0	Background
1.1	The Licensing Act 2003 took effect on 25 November 2005 and provided a unified system of regulation for the sale of alcohol, the provision of regulated entertainment and late-night refreshment. Most significantly it transferred to the local authority, as part of these new provisions, liquor licensing, which was previously carried out by the Magistrates' Court. The Council is the licensing authority in its area for the discharge of licensing functions under the Licensing Act 2003.
1.2	Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 requires each licensing authority to publish a statement of policy in respect of its licensing functions at the beginning of each five-year period. This policy must be kept under review and such revisions must be made at such times as it considers appropriate.
1.3	The present five-year period ends in March 2021 and therefore a Licensing Policy for 2021 - 2026 must be determined and published.
2.0	Report
2.1	The Licensing Board approved a draft policy for consultation at its meeting of 2 September 2020. The statutory consultation took place until 25 November 2020. There were no responses received.
2.2	Owing to receiving no representations, it is not considered necessary to amend the original draft policy, so this is now shown as the final draft at Appendix A.
3.0	Conclusion

3.1	This Council must adopt a five-yearly reviewed Licensing Policy issued under the Licensing Act 2003 for March 2021.
3.2	The reviewed Licensing Policy will be presented to the meeting of Full Council on 9 December 2020.

Financial Services comments:	
Legal Services comments:	<i>Contained within the report</i>
Equality and Diversity:	
Climate Change implications:	
Crime and Disorder:	
Service Improvement Plan implications:	
Corporate Plan:	
Risk Assessment:	
Background Papers:	
Appendices:	<i>Appendix A Final Draft Licensing Policy</i>
Report Author/Lead Officer:	