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SUBJECT: LICENSING ACT 2003 – STATEMENT

OF LICENSING POLICY

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WARD(S) TERMS OF AFFECTED: ALL REFERENCE:

1. Recommendations

1.1 That Members approve and adopt the Council's Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy ("the Policy").

2. Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To provide Members with the outcome of a consultation with interested parties.
- 2.2 To advise Members that the draft Policy was approved by Environmental and Development Services Committee on 1st October 2015.
- 2.3 To provide Members with the necessary information to be able to give full consideration to the recommendation contained in paragraph 1.1 of this report.

3. Detail

- 3.1 Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 ("the Act") requires the Licensing Authority to prepare and publish a statement of its licensing policy every 5 years. The Licensing Authority's current Policy was published in January 2011.
- 3.2 The Policy has been updated to reflect the changes to the Act since 2011.

Consultation

- 3.3 The Act requires the Licensing Authority to consult with relevant parties on any revision of the Policy. The consultation took place between 13th July 2015 and 4th September 2015. Copies of the Policy were sent to all Responsible Authorities, existing licensees and other major stakeholders. The Policy was also placed on the Council's website.
- 3.4 One response was received in relation to the Policy from Councilor Harrison. No other responses were received. The draft Policy is attached as **Appendix 1.**

3.5 On 1st October 2015, the draft Policy was approved by Members at the Environmental and Development Services Committee.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications to the Council.
- 4.2 Recommendation 1.1 will have no financial implications on existing licence holders.

5. <u>Corporate Implications</u>

- 5.1 These proposals will provide a clear framework for anyone wishing to start their own business which will contribute directly to the corporate vision to make South Derbyshire a better place to live, work, and visit, and to the theme of sustainable growth and opportunity.
- 5.2 These proposals will continue to demonstrate to members of the public that the Council takes the protection of local residents, children, and vulnerable adults from the potential harms of licensable activities seriously, which contributes to the theme of safety and security.