

**LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
31 January 2008**

**LICENSING ACT 2003 – STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY
(Director of Environment and Leisure)**

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Licensing Act 2003 requires that the Council should review its Statement of Licensing Policy at least every 3 years. The Council's existing policy was therefore required to be reviewed and published by 7 January 2008. If this process had not been completed, the Council would not have been able to carry out its functions in relation to applications made under the Act.

2 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Licensing and Safety Committee received a report on 1 February 2007 on the proposals to consult on and review the Statement of Licensing Policy. Further reports were made to the Committee on:

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| 19 April 2007 | on the proposals for consultation |
| 5 July 2007 | a verbal update on the consultation process |
| 4 October 2007 | results of consultation together with draft amendments for consideration |

- 2.2 The draft policy was then taken to Executive on 23 October 2007 and Full Council on 28 November 2007. Comments from the consultation process have been fully considered and the new policy was published on 13 December 2007 on the Council's website and came into force on 7 January 2008. The Policy will be required to undergo a further review process in 2010 and be republished by 6 January 2011.
- 2.3 Attached to the report is the new Statement of Licensing Policy.

Background Papers

Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003

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