

To: Council
13 January 2021

**Review of Statement of Licensing Policy
Executive Director of Delivery**

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Bracknell Forest Council is required to prepare and publish a Statement of Licensing Policy every five years in accordance with section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 ('the Act'). The Statement of Licensing Policy outlines the general approach of the Licensing Authority when making licensing decisions under the Act and can be reviewed and revised by the Authority at any time.
- 1.2 The Bracknell Forest Statement of Licensing Policy must undergo a review and be re-published and agreed by Council by the end of January 2021.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Council agree the Bracknell Forest Statement of Licensing Policy.**

3 Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 To comply with the Licencing Act 2003 a statement of Licencing Policy must be published.

4 Alternative Options Considered

- 4.1 None. It is a legal requirement to produce and publish the statement.

5 Supporting Information

- 5.1 Prior to determining the policy for any five-year period, the licensing authority must consult the persons listed in section 5(3) of the Act. These are:
- The chief officer of police for the area
 - The fire and rescue authority for the area
 - Persons or bodies representative of holders of local personal licences, premises licences and club premises certificates
 - Persons or bodies representative of businesses and residents in its area
- 5.2 Consultation has taken place with statutory bodies the Executive, Licencing & Safety Committee and other agencies and associations (as above) via public meetings, email, web site and letter from 26 October to 4 December 2020.

6 Consultation and Other Considerations

Legal Advice

- 6.1 The relevant legal provisions and Licensing Authority considerations are contained within the body of the report

Financial Advice

- 6.2 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Other Consultation Responses

- 6.3 Included within the main policy report

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.4 An equalities screening has been undertaken and confirmed a full assessment was not required.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 6.5 The policy is required in order to comply with the Licensing Act 2003.

Contact for further information

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