

Decision Maker: GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday 26 September 2012

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

Title: REVISED STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY 2011-2016
RESULTS OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION

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Chief Officer: Director of Environmental Services

Ward: (All Wards);

1. Reason for report

To report the results of public consultation on the draft of the revised Statement of Licensing Policy following the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

Members are asked to

1. **Consider the responses from the public consultation process and make any further changes to the policy as necessary**
2. **Refer the agreed version of the policy to full Council on 12 November 2012 for formal adoption**

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy: The Council adopted a Statement of Licensing Policy for the period 2011- 2014. This was revised and adopted by Council on 26 March 2012 but further revisions have been necessitated by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 .
 2. BBB Priority: Children and Young People Excellent Council Quality Environment Safer Bromley Vibrant, Thriving Town Centres:
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No Cost:
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Public Protection
 4. Total current budget for this head: £4.033m
 5. Source of funding: Existing Revenue Budget 2012 / 2013 (Controllable)
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 74
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours:
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement: The Council is the Licensing Authority under the Licensing Act 2003 and must prepare and consult on its statement of Licensing Policy as required by Section 5 Licensing Act 2003.
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable:
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): Approximately 800 licensed premises and all residents and businesses living and trading in the vicinity of licensed premises. Approximately 2500 personal licence holders and 900 Temporary event applications each year
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Yes
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

3. COMMENTARY

General Purposes and Licensing Committee approved a draft revised Statement of Licensing Policy for public consultation on 11 July 2012 following changes to the Licensing Act 2003 introduced by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 along with other changes and updates.

The draft policy was made available on the Councils Website from 13 August 2012 to 10 September 2012 and over 1000 letters were sent to all licensed businesses, Responsible Authorities, Residents Associations and other public consultees as set out in the policy inviting them to comment.

Three responses were received and these are included in appendix 1

The draft policy is included as appendix 2

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Council is obliged to adopt and publish a Statement of its Licensing Policy. It is also under a duty to keep the policy under review and to revise it when appropriate. Before adopting a revised policy there needs to be a process of public consultation including specified bodies.

Subject to any further amendments this committee may wish to make following consultation the attached draft statement of policy can now be referred to Full Council for formal adoption

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

See policy implications

Non-Applicable Sections:	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS & PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Statement of Licensing Policy adopted on 26 March 2012 Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 Licensing Act 2003 Report Ref ES12103 to GP&L Committee on 11 July 2012