

## 5. Statement of Licensing Policy

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### Purpose of the Report

To inform the Licensing Committee of the newly updated Statement of Licensing Policy and the revised contents therein.

### Recommendation

- (1) The Licensing Committee are invited to consider the revisions to the Statement of Licensing Policy to be recommended for approval to Full Council.

### Background

The Licensing Committee approved the final Statement of Licensing Policy in December 2004 the policy was then submitted to full council for ratification in December 2004. The policy was further amended in February 2006.

The current version of the policy is known as Edition 2. This edition will become known as Edition 3.

The policy is subject to review every three years to reflect changes in the legislation and Licensing Act Guidance.

As major changes have been made the policy must go out to consultation. Statutory consultees as listed in S5(3) Licensing Act 2003 will be consulted along with other consultees who have expressed an interest in the policy. As per the statutory requirement notice of the consultation will be placed in the Western Gazette. Following consultation the Licensing Department will bring the matter back to the Licensing Committee in October 2007, then on to District Executive in November for final ratification by Full Council in December 2007.

The revised policy must be published as per statutory requirement in January 2008.

### Details of Amendments from the Previous Policy

The policy has been revised to make it more user friendly.

It is essentially a new document attached.

The major changes are as follows:

- 1) Removal of all transitional information
- 2) Removal of all information duplicated with the Licensing Act Guidance
- 3) Clearer definition of "vicinity" – Section 3.4
- 4) Removal of cumulative Impact strategy
- 5) Removal of pool of Licensing conditions

- 6) Nudity and striptease section removed as we have a separate stand alone policy (attached)
- 7) Section on Temporary events condensed – Section 4.1
- 8) Section on Applicants for Premises Licences condensed.

**Financial Implications**

None

**Implications for Corporate Priorities**

None

**Other Implications**

None

**Background Papers:** *Licensing Act 2003*  
*Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003*

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