

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND HOUSING SERVICES	COUNCIL	18 MARCH 2024	11

STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

RELEVANT LEAD MEMBER

This item is within the remit of lead member for Social Wellbeing, Councillor Christopher Dixon.

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The Licensing Committee is set to consider the revised Statement of Licensing Policy at its meeting, to be held on 13th March 2024, with a recommendation to Council for the adoption of the policy.

As the Licensing Committee meeting takes place following the publication of the council agenda the final recommendation will be confirmed at the council meeting.

RECOVERABILITY

This decision is not recoverable because it relates to a recommendation to council.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That council considers the resolution from the 13th March 2024 Licensing Committee in relation to the adoption of the Statement of Licensing Policy.

REPORT

1. The Licensing Act 2003 requires the licensing authority (Fylde Borough Council) to prepare a statement of licensing policy which provides a local framework for decision making when considering applications for a licence or variation to a licence. The Licensing Committee and its licensing panels are required to have due regard to this policy when making a decision upon an application.
2. In accordance with the guidance issued by the Secretary of State under S182 of the Licensing Act, a Statement of Licensing Policy has been prepared for a further five-year period.
3. At its meeting of the 25th October 2023, the Licensing Committee considered a report regarding the review of the Statement of Licensing Policy and resolved, "to request Officers to commence a consultation process to introduce the updated Statement of Licensing Policy, with the results being reported to a future meeting of the Licensing Committee."
4. Before finalising and implementing its policy, the Council must consult with those who may be affected by it. Accordingly, the views on what should be included in the statement of licensing policy have been sought from a wide range of both statutory and non-statutory consultees including: -

Lancashire Constabulary
 Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service
 Representatives of the licensed trade
 Existing licence holders
 Representatives of business and residents' associations in the Borough
 Fylde councillors and Member of Parliament
 Local town & parish councils
 Fylde Community Safety Partnership
 Other interested parties

5. The consultation was also publicised on our webpages at [Consultation – Fylde Council](#) and ran between the 10th November 2023 and 17th December 2023. There were no responses to the consultation.
6. Officers believe that the document recognises that the licensed leisure and entertainment industry is important to the social and economic life of the area and seeks to establish sensible controls and appropriate guidance to help prevent and deal with anti-social problems which can arise from licensed activities. It takes account of the new and revised statutory guidance, together with the experiences of the Council, as the Licensing Authority.
7. The Licensing Committee was requested to consider the report at its 13th March 2024 meeting and recommend its adoption to Full Council.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES	
Economy – To create a vibrant and healthy economy	√
Environment – To deliver services customers expect	√
Efficiency – By spending money in the most efficient way	√
Tourism – To create a great place to live and visit	√

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	There are no implications arising directly from the report.
Legal	Contained within the report.
Community Safety	There are no implications arising directly from the report.
Human Rights and Equalities	There are no implications arising directly from the report.
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	There are no implications arising directly from the report.
Health & Safety and Risk Management	There are no implications arising directly from the report.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS
<p>Licensing Committee 25th October 2023</p> <p>The Committee considered the report, and it was RESOLVED to request Officers to commence a consultation process to introduce the updated Statement of Licensing Policy, with the results being reported to a future meeting of the Licensing Committee.</p>

BACKGROUND PAPERS REVELANT TO THIS ITEM		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
S182 Guidance to the Licensing Act 2003	December 2023	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/explanatory-memorandum-revised-guidance-issued-under-s-182-of-licensing-act-2003

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Attached documents

Statement of Licensing Policy 2024-2029