

## DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND HOUSING SERVICES	LICENSING COMMITTEE	13 MARCH 2024	8
<b>STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY</b>			

### PUBLIC ITEM

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

#### RELEVANT LEAD MEMBER

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

#### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

At its meeting of the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023, the 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.”

The consultation exercise has now taken place and the Committee will be requested to recommend adoption of the Statement of Licensing Policy to Full Council.

#### RECOVERABILITY

This decision is not recoverable because it relates to:

- A recommendation to the council or to any other committee or sub-committee of the council

#### RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Committee considers the report and recommends adoption of the Statement of Licensing Policy to Full Council.

### 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. 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

4. The consultation was also publicised on our webpages at [Consultation – Fylde Council](#) and ran between the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023. There were no responses to the consultation.
5. 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.
6. The Committee is therefore requested to consider the report 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><a href="#">Licensing Committee 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023</a>            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	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/explanatory-memorandum-revised-guidance-issued-under-s-182-of-licensing-act-2003">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/explanatory-memorandum-revised-guidance-issued-under-s-182-of-licensing-act-2003</a>

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Attached documents

Statement of Licensing Policy 2024-2029