

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to Council

26 February 2021

Subject: **STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY**

Report of: **The Head of Environmental Health**

SUMMARY

This report sets out the Statement of Licensing Policy (Licensing Policy) that details the Council's approach to promoting the four licensing objectives when making decisions under the Licensing Act 2003. The Policy is reviewed every five years and has taken account of changes in legislation, regulations and guidance. The renewed Policy is attached as Appendix A to this report and is being presented for adoption to full Council.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the policy be adopted by full Council.

INTRODUCTION

1. The Licensing Act 2003 took effect on 25 November 2005 and provided a unified system of regulation for the sale of alcohol, the provision of regulated entertainment and late-night refreshment. Most significantly it transferred to the local authority, as part of its provisions, liquor licensing, which was previously carried out by the Magistrates' Court. The Council is the licensing authority in its area for the discharge of licensing functions under the Licensing Act 2003.
2. The Licensing Policy reflects the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 and the associated guidance and regulations. It also demonstrates how the Council will promote the four licensing Objectives in making decisions under the Act. Section 5 requires each licensing authority to publish a statement of policy in respect of its licensing functions at the beginning of each five-year period. This policy must be kept under review and such revisions must be made at such times as it considers appropriate.
3. The present five-year period ends in March 2021 and therefore a Licensing Policy for 2021-2026 must be determined and published.

BACKGROUND

4. Consultation took place during December 2020 and a report was taken to the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee where the Head of Environmental Health reported in more detail on the consultation response received.
5. The Policy gained approval at the 1st February 2021 Executive meeting.

RISK ASSESSMENT

6. There are no significant risk considerations in relation to this report.

CONCLUSION

7. Following approval by the Executive on 1st February 2021, it is now presented to full Council for adoption.

Appendices: Appendix A: Licensing Policy 2021-2026

Background Papers:

Reference Papers:

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