

LICENSING ACT 2003 – REVIEW OF LICENSING POLICY

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To comment upon the draft 2016 Licensing Policy Statement.

2. Recommendations

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| <p>2.1 The Scrutiny Committee is requested to indicate any comments that it wishes Council to take into consideration in finalising the 2016 Licensing Policy Statement for adoption.</p> |
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3. Supporting Information

- 3.1 The Licensing Act 2003 requires the Licensing Authority to prepare and publish a statement of its licensing policy every 5 years. Up until recently it was every 3 years. The first statutory 3 year period began in January 2005. The second policy was published in January 2008 and our current policy was published in 2011. Although the Licensing Authority have until 2016 to review its current policy it is felt that there have been significant changes in legislation and the statutory guidance to justify a through review prior to then.
- 3.2 At its meeting on 7 September, 2015, the Licensing Committee considered the report attached as an Appendix to this report regarding the results of the consultations taken in respect of the draft 2016 Aylesbury Vale District Council Licensing Policy Statement. Apart from a number of typographical changes and minor re-wordings to provide greater clarity on a few points, the Licensing Committee agreed the content of the Licensing Policy Statement and recommended that the Council should adopt it.
- 3.3 The Licensing Committee report sets out the requirements to have a Licensing Policy Statement, the successes achieved by the current policy, and information on the widespread consultation undertaken earlier this year.
- 3.4 The Scrutiny Committee is requested to indicate any comments that it wishes Council to take into consideration in finalising and adopting the 2016 Licensing Policy Statement.

4. Options Considered/Reasons for Recommendations/Resource Implications

- 4.1 These are set out in the attached Licensing Committee report.

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Background documents: None