

## **STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY – REVISION AND CONSULTATION**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide background information concerning the revision of the Statement of Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003 Policy.

### **2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 It is a legal requirement under S5 of the Licensing 2003 Act for the Licensing Authority to review their policy on a five-year basis, unless there are changes that are required mid-term.
- 2.2 The revision is slightly later than planned due to the impact of the pandemic on the Service. The Draft Policy is attached for Members to agree to publish and consult on and will cover the period 2022 to 2026.

### **3. CONSULTATION**

- 3.1 Before issuing a revised policy, the Council is required to consult with a range of agencies, Responsible Authorities, operators of licensed premises, Councillors and Town and Parish Councils. In addition, the draft Policy will be published on the NFDC website to enable Members of the public to comment.
- 3.2 It is proposed that the consultation period takes place from 12 September to 6 November 2021, a period of eight weeks.
- 3.3 Responses received during this time will be discussed by Members at the next GP&L meeting on 12 November, where the amended draft policy will be agreed. This final draft can then be taken to a full Council Meeting for Members to agree to adopt as the final Policy.

### **4. CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 It is a statutory requirement that the Licensing Authority review and revise the Licensing Act Policy.

### **5. RECOMMENDATION**

- 5.1 That Members agree to allow the consultation on the Draft Licensing Act Policy v02, from 12 September to 6 November.

### **6. APPENDICES**

Appendix 1-Draft Statement of Licensing Policy for 2022-2026 v02

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NFDC Licensing Policy  
Section 182 Statutory guidance  
Licensing Act 2003