

REVIEW OF LICENSING POLICY

Executive Summary

The Licensing Act 2003 (the Act) governs applications for licences for the sale of alcohol, certain forms of entertainment and the provision of hot food and drink between 23:00 – 05:00 hours. Woking Borough Council acts as the Licensing Authority under the Act, and is responsible for the implementation of functions under it.

Under the provisions of the Act, the Licensing Authority is required to publish a statement of licensing policy every five years. Woking's current statement of licensing policy took effect from January 2016, and expired in January 2021.

There are no changes to the previous policy which the Council's Licensing training provider reviewed earlier in the year and considered to be current and fit for purpose.

Recommendations

The Committee is requested to:

RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL That the Licensing Policy be adopted.

The item above will need to be dealt with by way of a recommendation to Council.

Background Papers:	None.
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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Licensing Authority is required to review the Licensing Policy every five years.
- 1.2 The previous policy was written and presented to a Licensing Committee in 2015/2016 and consequently was due for renewal prior to January 2021.
- 1.3 As a result of the Covid Pandemic, this was not possible and as such the Policy is to be reviewed currently.
- 1.4 There are no changes to the current policy.
- 1.5 If approved, the Policy will be adopted for a further five years.

2.0 Implications

Finance and Risk

- 2.1 None.

Equalities and Human Resources

- 2.2 None.

Legal

- 2.3 S5 of the Act places Licensing Authorities under a duty to review their licensing policy every 5 years.
- 2.4 The current licensing policy has been reviewed by Legal Services and no amendments are considered necessary.

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