

**To the Chair and Members of the
LICENSING COMMITTEE (Meeting as the Statutory Licensing
Committee under the Licensing Act 2003)**

LICENSING ACT 2003 - UPDATE REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to update Members on issues relating to the Licensing Act 2003.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. It is recommended that Members note:-
 - (a) The amended Licensing Policy be accepted and put to Council for formal adoption; and
 - (b) To collate and organise a formal evening visit to the Town Centre to examine the nightlife and look at the effects on resources on the Local Authority and the Police.

BACKGROUND

3. The Licensing Policy has been in place for three years and as such requires to be reviewed to satisfy the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003.

The legislation requires Licensing Authorities to consult with interested parties and then to approve a new policy triennially.

Consultation with all interested parties and statutory agencies has been undertaken and there were two response. These responses have been taken into consideration in formulating the proposed amended Licensing Policy.

The policy is at appendix 1.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4. There are no other options other than to ensure a Licensing policy is in place and in relation to the adoption of the legislation for sex entertainment venues, this will ensure that such premises can be legally licensed.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

5. It is a statutory requirement to review and publish the Licensing Policy.

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OBJECTIVES

6. This effective operation of the Licensing Authority is a key part of the Council's statutory responsibility.

Doncaster Priorities	Implications of this initiative
A Prosperous Place	The Safe Team and others within the Safer Business Team will assist in promoting best practise within the retail trade and help to support regeneration of communities.
Skills & Lifelong Learning	
Healthy & Caring	Problems of excessive and underage drinking will be under discussion and best practise will be encouraged from the trade to ensure that legislation is followed.
Safer, Cleaner & Greener	
Equality of Opportunity (Cross-Cutting)	
Improving Neighbourhoods Together (Cross-cutting)	Working with the trade will help to ensure that neighbourhoods will have had an opportunity to contribute to resolving on going problems and contribute to the consultation with regard to the Licensing Policy which is reviewed every three years
Protecting The Environment (Cross- cutting)	
Achieving Excellence	

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7. There are no Legal implications associated with this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. The work of carrying out the licensing function will be self financing.

CONSULTATION

9. The Licensing Act 2003 requires formal consultation with all of the responsible authorities and interested parties. All of these parties have been advised of the review.

Procurement		Crime and Disorder	X
Human Resources		Human Right & Equalities	
Buildings, Land and Occupiers		Environment & Sustainability	
ICT		Capital Programme	

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