

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
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**Renewal of the Statement of Licensing Policy for the District
 - Licensing Act 2003**

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APPENDICES:	Appendix 1 - Draft Statement of Licensing Policy for the years 2011–2014

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider the draft Statement of Licensing Policy for the District for years 2011 – 2014, and to approve a consultation period with stakeholders.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **The Committee is asked to consider the draft Statement of Licensing Policy for the District as required by the Licensing Act 2003, and to APPROVE a 12 week consultation period with stakeholders.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Council is responsible for carrying out the licensing function under the Licensing Act 2003. The Act regulates the sale of alcohol, the provision of entertainment, and late night refreshment.
- 3.2 The Council's aim is to facilitate well run and managed premises with licence holders displaying sensitivity to the impact on local residents.

4. KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 The Council must publish guidance on how it will consider applications under the Licensing Act 2003 in the form of a Statement of Licensing Policy.
- 4.2 The Statement is a live document, subject to continuous review to meet the changing needs of the community, business circumstances and legislation.
- 4.3 A new Statement of Licensing Policy (2011–2014) has been prepared in a draft format (copy at Appendix 1) in accordance with the provisions of

the Licensing Act 2003, and the Guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182 of the Act. The alterations are minor in nature except for paragraphs 14, 15 and 16.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no local financial implications arising from this report.

6. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 This will be the third Statement of Licensing Policy to be published by the District.

6.2 Consultation must take place for a period of 12 weeks and any responses from Stakeholders must be considered by the Council.

6.3 A Statement of Licensing Policy must be presented to Council to be adopted by 7th January 2011 for the next three years (i.e. until 2014).

6.4 Officers have liaised with the other District Councils operating within Worcestershire Regulatory Services to ensure that the administration of licensing is completed in a consistent way.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

7.1 There are no risk management issues arising from this report.

8. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

8.1 An Equality Impact Assessment will be completed during the consultation period.

9. CONCLUSION

9.1 The consultation exercise will allow local residents and businesses to comment on how licensing is administered in the district and to assess whether any changes are required.

10. CONSULTEES

- 10.1 Director of Planning and Regulatory Services
- 10.2 Director of Legal and Corporate Services
- 10.3 Director of Community and Partnership Services
- 10.4 Policy and Regeneration Manager
- 10.5 West Mercia Constabulary (Licensing)

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

11.1 Guidance under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.