

Recommendations to Council from Cabinet on 17 November 2020.

CAB193 STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

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Cabinet received a report which explained that the current 'Statement of Licensing Policy' was approved by Full Council on the 26th November 2015 and was effective from 7th January 2016. Regulations required that the policy was reviewed every five years and a replacement for our current policy must be in place by the 7th January 2021. The policy had been drawn up in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 and the current guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Under standing order 34 Councillor Joyce addressed the Cabinet, pleased that the worst gaming machines had been removed from use. He expressed concern about the reliance on the police commenting on applications and being able to respond to complaints, he raised concern about corporate licenses.

The Chair reminded Cabinet that matters outside the local control were a consideration for the national policy, the local policies had to be within the current legislation.

Under standing order 34, Councillor Ryves drew attention to "raves" held under a Temporary Event Notice, where he was reminded that a specific licensing matter was for consideration by the Licensing Committee, not Cabinet. Councillor Ryves then drew attention to the fact that only the police could be invited to comment on a TEN, and asked if others could be included within that. The Senior Licensing Officer explained that it was only possible to include those contained within the legislation.

The Environment and Community Panel had supported the Policy.

RECOMMENDED: That the Council be invited to adopt the revised Statement of Licensing Policy in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003.

Reason for Decision

It is a statutory requirement that the Council adopts a Statement of Licensing Policy and review and publish that policy each five year period.

CAB194 COVID 19 RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PLAN

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Geoff Hall Executive Director presented a report which explained that the Council adopted a Covid-19 Recovery Strategy for the Authority on 30.6.20. The report detailed the actions that the Council was taking, together with partners where appropriate, to facilitate recovery from the Coronavirus Pandemic. It included both

internal actions for the Authority and those that are externally focussed upon the economy and community served by the Council. It was explained that it was clearly a moveable feast with the current Covid restrictions and levels of infection, but this document set out a direction of travel to ensure the Council was in a position to react and to move towards recovery.

Attention was drawn to the work being carried out with partners such as the NCC, Public Health NHS and CCG.

Credit and thanks were given by Cabinet members to the large numbers of staff who had worked for the benefit of the community during the covid restrictions.

RECOMMENDED: That the proposed Recovery Action Plan attached to the report is adopted.

Reason for Decision

To facilitate the achievement of objectives outlined in the Council's Covid-19 Recovery Strategy. Also, to enable the prioritisation and resource allocation necessary to promote recovery from Covid-19, whilst also retaining the ability to react quickly to further peaks, local outbreaks or national initiatives relating to Covid-19.

CAB197 **SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

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The Democratic Services Manager presented the report which was brought following changes to the list of portfolio responsibilities, as amendments to the Scheme of Delegation were required so the two documents aligned.

Under standing order 34 Councillor Joyce raised a question on the Legal Services/Monitoring officer powers listed in the delegation and on the Emergency Powers section that the Chief Executive had allocated. It was confirmed that it was not necessarily because the decision was urgent, but that it needed to be made and other circumstances do not permit it.

RECOMMENDED: That the amended Scheme of Delegation be approved.

Reason for Decision

To ensure the scheme of delegation is in line with the portfolio areas of responsibility.