

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**LICENSING ACT 2003  
REVIEW OF LICENSING POLICY**

**1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform the Committee that the Licensing Policy must be reviewed in accordance with Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 by January 2022.
- 1.2 To ask the Committee to approve the start of the consultation.
- 1.3 Once the consultation has been carried out, the Revised Policy will be presented to the Licensing Committee for approval, prior to being presented to Full Council.

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 The Licensing Policy was initially approved by this Committee in 2004 and then reviewed at regular intervals.
- 2.2 In accordance with Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003, there is a requirement for the policy to be reviewed every five years. The revised policy must be agreed by the Full Council in January 2022.
- 2.3 The Act stipulates that in reviewing the policy, we must consult the police, fire and rescue service, licence holders, persons representing licence holders and other businesses or persons as we deem suitable.
- 2.4 A copy of the current licensing policy is attached as Appendix A to this report.

**3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 3.1 The options available to the committee are limited. The council has a statutory obligation to review the policy every five years.

**4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

4.1 The review of the policy is a statutory requirement. The policy must be approved by Full Council by January 2022.

**5. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (e.g. LEGAL, HR, PROPERTY, IT, COMMUNICATIONS etc.)**

5.1 There are limited financial implications from this report, in that we will be required to publish the revised licensing policy.

**6. OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS (e.g. CRIME AND DISORDER, EQUALITIES, COUNCIL PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL, RISK etc.)**

6.1 Statutory Implications – Failure to review the policy in accordance with Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 would mean that the Council would fail to meet its legal requirement.

6.2 Diversity – A Diversity Impact Assessment will be carried out during the review of this Policy.

6.3 Section 17 (Crime and Disorder) – The prevention of Crime and Disorder is one of the four licensing objectives and will be considered in this policy.

**7. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)**

7.1 As stated in paragraph 2.3 there is a statutory requirement to consult on the revised policy. Full consultation will commence following the approval of this report.

**8. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED**

8.1 Not applicable

**9. RECOMMENDATIONS**

9.1 That the licensing policy be reviewed in accordance with statutory requirements.

9.2 That the Committee approve the start of the consultation process.

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**Background Papers used in the preparation of this report –  
Licensing Policy Review File and Diversity Impact Assessment**