

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE

**LICENSING ACT 2003
REVIEW OF CUMULATIVE IMPACT POLICY**

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To ask the Committee to approve the start of the consultation to review the Cumulative Impact Policy.
- 1.2 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 Cumulative Impact Policy was introduced in 2008 and then reviewed in 2012.
- 2.2 The aim of the policy is to not to reject all applications for a licence within the boundary of the Cumulative Impact Zone as all applications need to be determined on their own merits. The effect this policy is to create a presumption that where representations are received from a responsible authority, then the application should be refused, unless the applicant can show that the proposed application would not add to the cumulative impact being experienced.
- 2.3 There is no legal requirement for the Policy, however it was considered necessary following evidence, gathered by Humberside Police, relating to increased crime and disorder within Scunthorpe Town Centre.
- 2.4 Since this Policy was approved by this Committee the level of crime and disorder within Scunthorpe Town Centre has decreased. As such the Policy requires reviewing to ensure it is still fit for purpose.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 Option 1 – To approve the start of the consultation process.
- 3.2 Option 2 – To maintain the Policy in its current format.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 Option 1 – Carrying out consultation on the Policy will ensure that it is still fit for purpose.

4.2 Option 2 – The current Policy would remain in force.

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 Crime and Disorder – The prevention of crime and disorder is one of the four Licensing Objectives of The Licensing Act 2003 and will be considered in this Policy.

7. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

7.1 Not applicable.

8. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

8.1 Not applicable.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 That the start of the consultation be approved by this Committee.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report N/A