

**REPORT TO:** Executive Board

**DATE:** 9 September 2010

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Chief Executive

**TITLE:** Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy

**WARDS:** Boroughwide

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To authorise a consultation on a review of the Council's statement of licensing policy.

**2.0 RECOMMENDED: That the Operational Director Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to undertake a consultation exercise in respect of the Council's statement of licensing policy in accordance with section 5(3) Licensing Act 2003.**

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 On 12<sup>th</sup> December 2007 the Council adopted a statement of licensing policy in compliance with its obligations under section 5 Licensing Act 2003.

3.2 The licensing statement lasts for a three year period and must be re-adopted by the Council for successive three year periods. A licensing statement cannot be re-adopted before the completion of a consultation exercise.

3.3 It is anticipated that the consultation will commence on 10 September 2010 and will run for a 5 week period to 15 October 2010.

3.4 Following completion of the consultation exercise any comments and recommendations received will be reported back to the Executive Board for consideration. The re-adoption of the licensing statement is reserved for full Council to determine.

## **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Once adopted, the statement of licensing policy will be used by applicants and the Regulatory Committee in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.

## **5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no other implications arising out of this report.

## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

### **6.1 Children and Young People in Halton**

The Council's statement of licensing policy operates under a separate statutory code but since it involves licensable activities it is designed to contribute to licensing objective of the protection of children from harm.

### **6.2 Employment Learning and Skills in Halton**

N/A.

### **6.3 A Healthy Halton**

N/A.

### **6.4 A Safer Halton**

The Council's statement of licensing policy operates under a separate statutory code but since it involves licensable activities it is designed to contribute to licensing objective of promoting public safety.

### **6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal**

N/A.

## **7.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 N/A.

## **8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 N/A.

## **9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

9.1 The report is based on the Licensing Act 2003 and the written responses to the consultation exercise. In addition the DCMs and LACORS websites have provided background information.