

REPORT TO: Executive Board

DATE: 20 September 2007

REPORTING OFFICER: Council Solicitor

SUBJECT: Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy

WARDS: Boroughwide

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

2. RECOMMENDED: That a consultation exercise be undertaken in respect of the Council's statement of licensing policy in accordance with section 5(3) Licensing Act 2003.

3. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 On 15th December 2004 the Council adopted a statement of licensing policy (Minute No. COU 46/2004) 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 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. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no other implications arising out of this report.

6. IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

None.

6.2 Employment Learning and Skills in Halton

N/A

6.3 A Healthy Halton

N/A

6.4 A Safer Halton

None.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

N/A

7. RISK ANALYSIS

N/A

8. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

N/A

9. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

This report is based on the Licensing Act 2003 and the written responses to the consultation exercise. In addition the DCMS and LACORS web-sites have provided background information.