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SUBJECT:	LICENSING ACT 2003: STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY
PURPOSE OF THE REPORT:	REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY
RECOMMENDATIONS:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Licensing Committee are invited to submit any proposed amendments or additions, to the Head of Environmental Health Services to be considered for inclusion in the public consultation document. 	

Background

- Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Act) requires the licensing policy to be reviewed every 3 years.
- Having regard to the committee cycle timetable, the officers are planning to undertake public consultation between June-September 2007 in order to ensure that Council can adopt the revised policy in December 2007.

Factors for Consideration

- It is now 3 years since the policy was first drafted at a time when local authorities had no experience with liquor licensing matters. During this time the Licensing Sub-Committee has met on 44 occasions and dealt with 110 premises applications. Arising from these meetings members may have identified matters that require clarification, addition or deletion in the existing policy attached at Annex 1.
- In keeping with this approach, the responsible authorities will similarly be invited to submit any proposals by May 2007.
- There is a statutory requirement to repeat the consultation process that took place with the original policy. Therefore the Licensing Committee will have an additional opportunity during the public consultation period to submit any further comments to the Executive for consideration.

Conclusions

6. This report should be seen as an opportunity to raise issues for consideration to be included in the proposed public consultation draft of the policy.

Background Papers:

Documents Annex 1 : Statement Of Licensing Policy