

LICENSING COMMITTEE – 17th MARCH 2014

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

**LICENSING ACT 2003 – STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY
CONSULTATION RESPONSES RECEIVED**

The Licensing Committee has considered a report detailing the responses received during the consultation on the draft revised Statement of Licensing Policy.

The only response received during the consultation period was from Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service. The suggested minor amendments to the draft revised Statement of Licensing Policy as detailed at Appendix 1, were incorporated into the final Statement of Licensing Policy as detailed at Appendix 2.

The Council has a statutory duty to have a Statement of Licensing Policy and to keep its policy under review. The Statement of Licensing Policy forms an essential part of the decision making process for licensing applications.

Whilst the Council are not legally required to review the Statement of Licensing Policy for another two years, it was felt desirable to review the policy at this stage as a result of the large number of changes to the legislation and statutory guidance since the existing policy was published in January 2011.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED

- (a) that the Council approves the revised Statement of Licensing Policy as detailed at Appendix 2; and
- (b) that the revised Statement of Licensing Policy be published with effect from 1st May 2014.