

LICENSING COMMITTEE – 12th NOVEMBER 2018

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

LICENSING ACT 2003 – REVIEW OF 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 Council's current Statement of Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003 took effect on the 1st April 2014. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Council is required to determine and publish a Statement of Licensing Policy at least every five years. Therefore a new Statement of Licensing Policy must be published by 1st April 2019.

The Licensing Committee had previously approved a draft revised Statement of Licensing Policy for the purpose of consultation with relevant parties and the results of that consultation exercise being reported back to Licensing Committee Members on 12th November 2018.

A total of five responses were received during the consultation, as detailed at **Appendix 1** to the report. The responses came from:

- Public Health (Worcestershire County Council)
- The Musicians Union
- Alvechurch Parish Council
- Wythall Parish Council
- Dodford and Grafton Parish Council

The Council has a statutory duty to have a Statement of Licensing Policy. It is important that the Statement of Licensing Policy provides an open and transparent policy regarding the Council's functions under the Licensing Act 2003. The Statement of Licensing forms an essential part of the decision making process for licensing applications.

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 April 2019.