

COMMITTEE:
Full Licensing Committee
16 October 2019

REPORT OF :
Principal Licensing Officer

LEGISLATION :
Licensing Act 2003

Agenda – Part 1	Item
SUBJECT: Licensing Act 2003 - Enfield's Policy WARD: All wards	

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Council has a statutory duty , following public consultation, to publish its licensing policy Licensing Act 2003, every five years.
- 1.2 The Council may also, every five years, resolve not to adopt the sexual entertainment venues licensing provisions contained within the Policing and Crime Act 2009.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To approve the minor changes in the 6th Edition of the licensing policy Licensing Act 2003.

3. THE CONSULTATION AND ITS RESULTS

- 3.1 The current 5th Edition of Licensing Policy Statement is attached as Annex A.
- 3.2 The 6th Edition of our Licensing Policy Statement must be approved by full Council by January 2020 and that draft is attached as Annex B.
- 3.3 The 6th Edition Licensing Policy Statement now has:
 - 3.3.1 Clarified definitions (Sections 5, 12 and 15);

- 3.3.2 Updated borough statistics (Section 6) and crime statistics (Section 9 and annexes);
 - 3.3.3 Updated responsible agencies and referral agencies such as Canal River Trust (Section 2.11) and Safer Sounds Partnership (Section 14.2);
 - 3.3.4 Included the 2015 Statutory Guidance (1.5) and 2018 Public Space Protection Order (Section 17).
- 3.4 It was recommended and agreed with the Council's consultation and web team that the public consultation should take place between 12 August and 22 September 2019 (six weeks). The consultation was published on the Council's website, and general comments were to be sent to Licensing, rather than a questionnaire format.
- 3.5 Emails advising of the consultation were sent to:
- 3.5.1 All Responsible Authorities and other bodies listed as required by the policy, as per page 4 of the draft 6th Edition;
 - 3.5.2 North London Chamber of Commerce;
 - 3.5.3 Voluntary Community Services (who included it in newsletters and council's Facebook page);
 - 3.5.4 All councillors, and was included in the Members Newsletters;
 - 3.5.5 Relevant communications newsletters;
 - 3.5.6 PubWatch members.
- 3.6 The Licensing Team received two responses to the consultation, which although appears a low response rate, is not unsurprising due to the low-level changes made by the 6th Edition draft.
- 3.7 The responses were received on behalf of Transport for London and London Fire Brigade and are summarised in Annex 3.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

To ensure that the Council is able to discharge its statutory obligations and promote its four licensing objectives.

5. COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, RESOURCES AND CUSTOMER SERVICES AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS

5.1 Financial Implications

None.

5.2 Legal Implications

None.

5.3 Property Implications

None.

6 KEY RISKS

The Council is at risk of public challenge if it does not promote its licensing objectives.

7 IMPACT ON COUNCIL PRIORITIES

7.1 Fairness for All

This report ensures that the Council's Licensing Policy meets its statutory obligations and continues to be able to prevent licensable activity that is not in the public interest and to reduce crime and antisocial behaviour arising from concentrations of licensed premises operating in areas affected by such disorder.

7.2 Growth and Sustainability

These recommendations continue to not restrict growth. By reducing crime and disorder will promote sustainable business.

7.3 Strong Communities

The recommendations in this report fully support this Council priority.

8 EQUALITIES IMPACT IMPLICATIONS

No equality impact assessment is required.

9 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

None.

10 PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

None.

Background Papers:
None other than any identified within the report.

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