

LICENSING COMMITTEE – 19TH MAY 2010

BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL'S LICENSING ACT 2003 STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY REVISION

Agenda Item 8

Portfolio Area: Licensing
Report Presented by: Rachel Crouch

Background Papers: None
Corporate Implications: Please refer to table at end of report
Options: See body of report
Risks: None

Executive Summary

To inform members of the Licensing Committee of the requirement for Braintree District Council to revise and republish the Statement of Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003.

Decision

Members are requested to note the contents of the report .

1. BACKGROUND

The Licensing Act 2003 requires Braintree District Council, as the Licensing Authority, to carry out a formal review, consultation and re-publication of its Statement of Licensing Policy every three years and the original licensing policy came into effect in January 2005.

Braintree District Council last republished the Statement of Licensing Policy in January 2008 and will be required to republish the Statement of Licensing Policy in January 2011, therefore we must prepare the Policy for consultation and consult.

Officers will update the Policy in accordance with the amendments to the republished Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 in March 2010.

Briefly I can advise members these amendments are:

- Simplified process for minor variations to premises licences and club premises certificates and;
- The removal of the requirement for a designated premises supervisor and personal Licence holder at community premises and;
- New mandatory licensing conditions for licensed premises.

The consultation exercise will include discussions with other internal council departments with areas of responsibility which impact upon licensing, such as:-

- Legal Services.
- Environmental Health

- Planning Services

We will also consult the following services:

- The Chief Officer of Police
- The Fire Authority
- Child Protection Unit
- Trading Standards
- Local LVA
- Local Breweries

During the consultation period councilors will receive notification of the consultation period and a request for feedback in respect of the amendments to the Policy. The Policy will also be made available on the Council's website, with the opportunity for members of the public to give feedback online using the feedback form attached (Appendix 1).

Corporate Implications			
Financial:	There may be a training cost		
Legal:	None		
Equalities & Diversity:	None		
Customer Impact:	None		
Environment & Climate Change:	None		
Consultation/Community Engagement:	Local Committees		Partners
	Public		Staff
Key Decision:	No		
Public/Private Report:	Public		
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