

Addendum to Agenda Item 8 – Proposed Revision to Statement of Licensing Policy

Agenda Item 8 is seeking approval from Full Council to adopt a proposed revised Statement of Licensing Policy. Officers have noted that due to a printing error the proposed revised policy as presented at Appendix A, does not show all the amendments made by Members of the Licensing and Safety Committee as summarised at paragraph 2.1.5 of the report being presented to Full Council.

The following clarifies those amendments.

Section 6 – General Principals (paragraph 6.30)

Members of the Licensing and Safety Committee agreed to remove paragraph 6.30 from the policy as they felt it too open and ambiguous. Members requested officers tighten the wording of that section and instead include it in a separate guidance document that officers will be producing.

The paragraph Members of the Licensing and Safety Committee requested be removed read as follows -

6.30 The Licensing Authority, where necessary and appropriate, may also consider the impact low cost alcohol may have and the potential for it to encourage harmful drinking.

Section 13 – Review of Premises Licence or Club Premises Certificate (paragraph 13.4 and 13.5)

The following Sections were amended to reflect the representation made by trading standards, which were agreed by Members of the Licensing and Safety Committee.

13.4 For cases which are being considered as a result of a review or potential enforcement action, the council will take into account all relevant circumstances, but will view the following matters particularly seriously:

- ~~Use of premises for criminal activities, such as the supply of drugs or money laundering~~
- Failure to promptly respond to a warning properly given by a responsible authority
- Failure to engage with the responsible authorities in an effective manner
- Previous convictions for licensing offences
- Previous failure to comply with licence conditions

13.5 In cases where the crime prevention objective is being undermined through the premises being used for criminal activities, such as the supply of drugs and money laundering, it is expected that revocation of the licence, even in the first instance, will be seriously considered.