

**NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**LICENSING COMMITTEE – 9 JULY 2003**

**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF ADMINISTRATION**

**STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY**

**Purpose of report**

To consider further the draft Statement of Licensing Policy.

**Decision required**

To determine any local issues to be included in the policy.

**Policy matters**

This will be a policy of the Licensing Authority.

**Financial/staff resources**

There will be a cost in consulting upon the draft policy.

**Health/anti-poverty issues**

None.

**Crime and disorder**

The draft policy acknowledges the impact of crime and disorder issues.

**Human rights**

The draft policy will observe human rights.

**E-government**

None.

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Members will recall that at your last meeting on 29 May 2003 a copy of the initial draft of the Statement of Licensing Policy was submitted for members' attention. This is attached again as appendix 1. As part of that process it was explained that the policy had been developed jointly by a number of Leicestershire authorities and that it had received approval by officers of all Leicestershire authorities as a generic statement of licensing policy based on information that was available to us at that stage such as the Secretary of State's draft guidance and the Licensing Bill itself.

## **2. NEXT STEPS**

- 2.1 Members will recall that I stated at the last meeting that the committee will need to consider whether there were any specific local circumstances that would need to be reflected in our version of the policy.
- 2.2 It was the suggestion of the group of officers preparing the generic statement that any differences for a particular local area would be an appendix to the generic policy document.

## **3. CONSULTATION**

- 3.1 Given the generic nature of the policy statement, Leicestershire authorities have talked about the possibility of a joint consultation exercise which in my view has some merit as clearly each authority would have to go through precisely the same process and therefore to do it jointly will have economies of scale.
- 3.2 ... I attach a briefing document that was produced by Leicester City Council intended to be sent out to consultants who would be engaged to organise the consultation exercise on the councils' behalf.
- 3.3 No detail is yet available as to the costs involved in such an exercise but I am attending a meeting with Leicestershire authorities on 30 June and any more detail concerning the proposals will be submitted to the meeting.

## **4. CONCLUSIONS**

- 4.1 The committee is asked to consider:
- (a) **Whether there are any local issues that would need to be reflected in this Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, and**
- (b) **That the committee supports, in principle, the suggested joint consultation exercise.**

Background papers: None.

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