

**REFERENCE FROM CABINET – 20 JUNE 2024 – LICENSING ACT 2003 –  
APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL’S STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY**

**Report of the Assistant Director of Law and Governance**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To seek the advice and consideration of this Committee on a report which was considered by Cabinet on 20 June 2024. The report presents the draft revised Statement of Licensing Policy which it is proposed to apply when exercising functions under the Licensing Act 2003.

**2. Background and Current Position**

- 2.1 The Cabinet, at its meeting held on 20 June 2024, gave consideration to the attached report of the Executive Director of City Development. The report sought comments from Cabinet and asked them to refer the report to the Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee for their consideration. Cabinet was further requested to give delegated authority to the Executive Director of City Development, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, to make any amendments to the Statement of Licensing Policy that are considered appropriate in the light of comments from the Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee, prior to it being referred to Council for endorsement.
- 2.2 Copies of the 20 June Cabinet Agenda are available online to all Members of the Council.

**3. Conclusion**

- 3.1 The report is referred to this Committee for advice and consideration. The Plan is part of the Council’s policy framework set out in Article 4 of the Constitution and the views of this Committee will be reported to Cabinet on 18 July and then to Council on 18 September 2024.

**4. Recommendation**

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Committee is invited to give advice and consideration in respect of the attached report of the Executive Director of City Development.

**5. Background Papers**

- 5.1 Cabinet Agenda, 20 June 2024.
- 5.2 A copy of the Agenda is available for inspection from the Assistant Director of Law and Governance or can be viewed on-line at: -

<https://committees.sunderland.gov.uk/committees/cm5/Meetings/tabid/73/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/410/Meeting/11348/Committee/1953/Default.aspx>

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