

**Extract from the draft minutes of the Licensing meeting on 11 November 2020**

**121. Review of the Statement of Licensing Policy – Licensing Act 2003**

Sarah White, Senior Licensing Officer, attended to present the report and assist the Committee with their enquiries. The Committee heard that the consultation period for the review of the Statement of Licensing Policy had finished, and that no comments had been received in respect of the proposed Policy during this period. Sarah indicated to the Committee that the policy had been left largely unaltered due to the current uncertainty brought about by the coronavirus outbreak, and the affect that this would have on the licensed trade both now and in the future. In the light of this, it was proposed that the Policy would be the subject of a thorough review in the future, once the position was clearer. The changes that had been made to the Policy (and which Members were advised were highlighted in bold type in the document) were minor, and necessary to bring the document up to date, and Members were requested to recommend that the updated Policy be recommended to Full Council for implementation on 1 January 2021.

Councillor Harris noted that there had been an addition to the Policy referring to Colchester's Business Improvement District (BID), which he felt was timely and welcome.

*RESOLVED* that the Policy, attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved, and its adoption be recommended to full Council for implementation from 1 January 2021.