



Licensing Committee

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Item

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Title	Draft Enforcement Policy 2015		☎ 282840
Wards affected	All		

This report seeks the Licensing Committee's approval of the draft Enforcement Policy 2015

1. Decision Required

- 1.1 The Licensing Committee is asked to agree the proposed draft Licensing, Gambling and Sex Establishments Enforcement Policy.

2. Reasons for the Decision

- 2.1 Enforcement is an essential part of the Council's licensing function and to ensure that it is carried out in transparent and consistent manner it is considered appropriate and necessary to have in place an enforcement policy. The enforcement policy is an integral part of the Council's Licensing Policy.

3. Alternative Options

- 3.1 The alternative option is not to have a policy.

4. Supporting Information

- 4.1 The Council has previously carried out its enforcement action under the auspices of the Council's general enforcement policy. However it is considered best practice to have a specific policy to cover the work of the licensing team. The new enforcement policy together with the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy will provide potential applicants and licence holders with clear guidance on the operation and enforcement of licensed premises.

5. Proposals

- 5.1 It is proposed to the Licensing Committee that it should approve the draft enforcement policy which is included at Appendix 1.

6. Strategic Plan References

- 6.1 The proposed enforcement policy supports the Council's goal in seeking to ensure that Colchester is a welcoming and safe place for residents, visitors and business; and creates a business friendly environment by making its enforcement process transparent and consistently applied.

7. Publicity Considerations

- 7.1 The policy will be available to view and download from the Council's website.

8. Consultation, Financial, Equality, Diversity and Human Rights, Health and Safety, and Risk Management Implications

- 8.1 There are no particular consultation considerations; or financial; equality, diversity and human rights; health and safety or risk management implications.

9. Community Safety Implications

- 9.1 The enforcement policy is a key component in the Council's evening and night time economy strategy, together with the licensing policy, to tackle crime and disorder and anti-social behaviour, particularly alcohol related anti social behaviour and as such it will contribute significantly towards improving overall community safety.