The Licensing Committee is asked to consider and authorise (with any amendments) the draft Statement of Licensing Policy to go to public consultation.
As you are aware, the Licensing Act 2003 (as periodically updated by legislative Guidance from the Secretary of State) requires the Council, as the Licensing Authority, to determine and publish a Statement of Licensing Policy at least once every five years. Lambeth’s current Licensing Policy runs from 30/01/2014-29/01/2019. A new policy for the borough is therefore required, to be published and applicable from 30th January 2019 onwards.

Beginning in May 2017 officers began to engage Responsible Authorities and key stakeholders in order to review the current Statement of Licensing Policy and prepare for the development of a new Statement of Licensing Policy to take effect from 30 January 2019. In June of this year the Council contracted Safe Sociable London Partnership to undertake further stakeholder engagement, to review, update and draft a new draft Statement of Licensing Policy to undertake public consultation on the new draft Statement of Licensing Policy.

As required under the Licensing Act 2003 the following stakeholders and Responsible Authorities have been consulted as part of the review of the previous Statement of Licensing Policy and the development of the new draft Statement of Licensing Policy:

- Business Improvement Districts – Waterloo, Southbank, Vauxhall, Streatham, Brixton and Clapham.
- Safer Neighbourhood Partnership Chair of Chairs and Waterloo Chair.
- The British Beer and Pub Association and Hospitality UK (part formerly the ALMR).

Reviewing the existing Statement of Licensing Policy and updating for changes in legislation and best practice included:

- Using the London Statement of Licensing Policy review criteria to assess existing 2014-2019 SLP.
- Assessing changes in legislation, the s182 Guidance and other developments more widely (for example the Mayor’s Vision for London as a 24-Hour City).
- Building on the findings from the Council’s review work in 2017.
- Benchmarking against other Local Authorities Statement of Licensing Policy, and identifying new approaches and best practice in the more recent Statements of Licensing Policy to be published.

A draft Statement of Licensing Policy has now been produced that takes into account all the factors and engagements outlined above. The draft Statement of Licensing Policy maintains some of the key successful elements of the current Statement of Licensing Policy, makes changes to the structure and language to ensure ease of access and understanding of the positions outlined in the draft document, clarifies some aspects of the current Statement of Licensing Policy, and adds some new areas which address legislative or s182 Guidance changes, or reflect matters raised in review and stakeholder engagement.
The key changes in the draft include the following points:

- The addition of text on immigration and modern slavery responsibilities.
- A clearer statement on alignment with the Planning regime (as outlined in s182 Guidance).
- A statement on the alignment with the Mayor’s Vision.
- An updated section on aspirations and intent, including a clearer statement of support for compliant, well-regulated business.
- A clearer statement on the process for applications, including a table of the Responsible Authorities and their contact details and a statement about the requirement to have appropriate immigration status.
- A clearer statement on the policy for licencing fees and the actions taken if these are not paid when due.
- A clearer statement on partnership working, both between Responsible Authorities and between officers and businesses and communities.
- A clearer policy on enforcement approaches.
- A policy on outside spaces, in terms of expectations around uses and management.
- An expectation in the TENs policy that these will be accompanied with evidence of appropriate permissions to use public or Council owned land and venues.
- Updated information on the policy for Cumulative Impact (as outlined in the s182 Guidance).
- An amended preferred hours policy to include preferred opening hours for some venue types of 11 am.
- An amended and expanded age verification policy.
- A policy on consideration of potential resource impacts falling on the Council.
- An extended policy on health, including expectations outlined by Public Health.
- A new policy on delivery services, and the expectations that will be specific to them.
- A new policy on dispersal and entry to licensed premises.
- A new policy on sexual entertainment venues.
- Additional delegations for revocation of club premises certificates and personal licences for consideration by the Licensing Sub-Committee.
- An updated appendix outlining preferred hours of operation for different types of venues in different locations.

The draft Statement of Licensing Policy is intended to be put out for public consultation in September. The consultation period is proposed to be 6 weeks. The consultation will be conducted online to ensure maximum access for Lambeth residents and businesses. We will be using the Council consultation website to conduct the consultation, using a mix of questions with agree/disagree options for answers, questions with free-text answers and an option to attach longer responses documents. The consultation will be
promoted through the Council website, social media and stakeholders have been asked to cascade emailed information through their networks.

Safe Sociable London will be analysing responses to the consultation as they are submitted to ensure maximum time available for analysing responses and reporting on any amendments for inclusion to the draft Statement of Licensing Policy.

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**Annexes:**

- a) Draft Statement of Licensing Policy
- b) Consultation Summary Document
- c) Consultation Questionnaire
- d) Licensed premises by Wards