
Meeting	Licensing and Regulatory Committee
Date	2 March 2022
Present	Councillors Orrell (Chair), Melly (Vice-Chair), D'Agorne, Hook, Hunter, Looker, D Myers, Norman, Pearson and Wells
Apologies	Councillors Barker, Galvin, Mason and Warters

Part B - Matters Referred To Council

[See also under Part A]

83. Licensing Act 2003 - Statement of Licensing Policy & Cumulative Impact Assessment

[Cllr Norman joined the meeting at 5.33pm]

In accordance with the requirements of Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 (the 2003 Act), Members considered a report that sought their support of the formal review of the council's Statement of Licensing Policy. The report advised of the consultation undertaken and of the amendments made. Furthermore, in accordance with the requirements of Section 5A of the 2003 Act the report also sought Members' support for the implementation of a Cumulative Impact Assessment in relation to part of the city centre and the report advised them of the consultation undertaken in respect of this. The report also sought a recommendation to Council that the revised Policy and Cumulative Impact Assessment be adopted. The Licensing Manager gave an overview of the report.

Members' comments and questions were noted as follows:

- A Member expressed concern that the red area on the Cumulative Impact Area (CIA) was being reduced and she asked if the evidence used had been impacted by Covid. The Licensing Manager acknowledged these concerns and explained that the area covered by the

CIA had not changed, the changes related to the red zone are being decreased and the amber zones being introduced. She noted that the high concentration of crime areas had changed. Sgt Booth provided reassurance, advising that the police would continue to review licensing applications on their own merits. In relation to licence applications, the Licensing Manager noted that it would be for an applicant to demonstrate why a licence should be granted in the CIA, within the red zones, if relevant representation are received, an application should be refused, within the amber zones application should be refused unless they are for food led premises.

- In response to a questions about the jagged shapes delineating the zones, Sgt Booth explained that the zones were created using unique property references which encompassed the footprint of the building in the zone.
- A Member asked why nightclubs had moved into the amber zone. Sgt Booth explained that the closure of nightclubs during Covid has impacted crime rates, although the top five streets remained the same for crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) rates. If this increased the policy and assessment would be brought back to the Committee for review.
- The Head of Public Protection noted an error within the Equality Impact Assessment with regards to sexual orientation which would be amended.

The Chair noted the options available to Members:

Option 1 – Recommend to Full Council that the draft Policy and Cumulative Impact Assessment are adopted.

Option 2 – Recommend to Full Council that the draft Policy and Cumulative Impact Assessment is amended with alternative wording agreed by members.

Cllr D'Agorne moved and Cllr Hook seconded the recommendation as detailed in Option 1 – to recommend to Full Council that the Policy and Cumulative Impact Assessment are adopted. On being put to the vote it was unanimously;

Resolved: That it be recommended to Council that the Statement of Licensing Policy and Cumulative Impact Assessment be adopted.

Reason: To meet the legislative requirements of the Licensing Act 2003.

[Sgt Booth left and Cllr Melly rejoined the meeting at 5.45pm]

Cllr K Orrell, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 6.02 pm].