

COUNCIL

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Report Title	RECOMMENDATION FROM COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE ON ADOPTION OF LICENSING ACT 2003 STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY			
Purpose of Report	To consider recommendations from Community Services and Licensing Committee to adopt a Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy.			
Decision(s)	The Council RESOLVES to Adopt the Final Statement of Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003 (Appendix A)			
Consultation and Feedback	A schedule of consultation comments and working party recommendations was Appendix A to the Committee report and can be viewed here			
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Options	Council can either accept the recommendation, decide to amend the recommendation or refuse to accept the recommendation.			
Background Papers	Not applicable			
Appendices	Appendix A – Licensing Act 2003 Final Statement of Licensing Policy for Adoption by Council			
Implications (further details at the end of the report)	Financial	Legal	Equality	Environmental
	No	See Committee Report	No	No

1. On the 1st October 2020 Community Services and Licensing committee considered a report which related to a review of Stroud District Council's Statement of Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003, the full report and appendices can be viewed [here](#).
2. The Committee agreed a Final Statement of Licensing Policy and resolved to recommend adoption by Council.
3. The Licensing Act 2003 requires a Licensing Authority to consult, determine and publish a Statement of its Licensing Policy at least once every five years. Stroud District Council's current policy expires on 7th January 2021. The policy relates to applications under the Licensing Act 2003 for sale of alcohol, regulated entertainment and late night refreshment.
4. Consultation on a draft revised policy took place between June and August 2020. A working party made up of two members of the Community Services and Licensing Committee, together with a Licensing Officer and a Legal Officer, considered the consultation comments and made amendments to the draft policy to reflect relevant points raised. Appendix A to the Committee report was a schedule of consultation comments and the working party's recommendations. Appendix B to the Committee report was the Final Draft Policy which had the proposed amendments highlighted. The report and appendices can be seen [here](#). Committee agreed the Final Draft Policy with a minor numbering amendment.

5. Appendix A to this report is the Final Policy for adoption. The Licensing Act 2003 states that a Statement of Licensing Policy must be adopted by Council. Once adopted the final policy will be implemented from 7 January 2021 and be in force for up to 5 years.