



**COUNCIL MEETING**

**17 December 2015**

**STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY**

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**Jane Robinson, Chief Executive**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval of a revised Licensing Policy for 2016 – 2021 in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.
2. The Council is the licensing authority for the borough for the purposes of the Licensing Act 2003. The Act requires licensing authorities to prepare and publish a statement of its policy every five years.
3. The proposed Licensing Policy (appended to this report) has been produced following a widespread public consultation that took place over a 12 week period between July and October 2015.
4. The Cabinet has considered the facts and issues arising from the report including alternative options and took all relevant advice before formulating their recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

5. It is recommended that Council approve the adoption of the Statement of Licensing Policy and its publication in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003.