

COMMITTEE:	CENTRAL LICENSING COMMITTEE
DATE:	9 MARCH 2015
TITLE:	AMEND THE COUNCIL'S LICENSING POLICY
PURPOSE:	FOR DECISION
AUTHOR:	HEAD OF REGULATORY DEPARTMENT

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 1.1 Licensing authorities must 'have regard to' guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003. The latest Guidance (October 2014) recommends the level of delegation of certain licensing functions under the Act. These are shown in Appendix 1.
- 1.2 The Council adopted a revised Licensing Policy in December 2010 and updated Chapter 12 of the Policy which specifies to which level of Committee and officer certain licensing functions will be delegated, in March 2012. These are shown in Appendix 2.
- 1.3 The delegation arrangements specified in the latest Guidance confirm the delegation arrangements for three additional matters which are not contained in the Policy.

2. PROPOSAL

- 2.1 It is proposed that the delegation arrangements be amended to accord with the recommendations made in the Guidance issued by the Secretary of State.
- 2.2 Adopting this recommendation will result in the determination of an application to vary premises licence at community premises to include alternative licence condition if a police objection is received will be made by the Sub-Committee, and by Officers where no Police objection has been received.
- 2.3 Adopting this recommendation will result in the decision whether to consult other responsible authorities on minor variation application, and the determination of a minor variation application will be made by Officers.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the Committee approves amending chapter 12 of the Policy in accordance with the Guidance issued by the Secretary of State.