

**NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S  
REPORT TO**

**Council**  
**16 December 2020**

**Report Title:** Urgent Decision Notification – Adoption of a Statement of Licensing Policy

**Submitted by:** Chief Executive

**Portfolios:** Finance & Efficiency

**Ward(s) affected:** All

**Purpose of the Report**

To report a Council decision taken by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Group Leaders, under urgency powers, to adopt a Statement of Licensing Policy.

**Recommendation**

**That Council note the urgent decision taken by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Group Leaders, on 18 November 2020**

**Reasons**

To comply with the requirement to report urgent decisions taken to full council.

1. **Background**

- 1.1 The attached decision was made by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Group Leaders, on 18 November 2020 under the urgency provisions in the Council's constitution.
- 1.2 The decision was to adopt a Statement of Licensing Policy, as recommended by the Licensing and Public Protection Committee on 12 October 2020. Urgency powers were used because the Statement of Licensing Policy needed to be adopted before 25 November 2020 but, unfortunately, Council was not able to meet and consider the matter on 18 November as originally planned on account of the second lock-down introduced by Government to respond to the Coronavirus pandemic.
- 1.3 The attached Urgent Decision Notice and the documents it refers to contain the details of this matter.

2. **Issues**

- 2.1 Set out above.

3. **Proposal**

3.1 That Council note the urgent decision taken by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Group Leaders, on 18 November 2020.

4. **Reasons for Proposed Solution**

4.1 Set out above.

5. **Options Considered**

5.1 N/A

6. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

6.1 Set out in the appendices.

7. **Equality Impact Assessment**

7.1 There are no adverse equality implications.

8. **Financial and Resource Implications**

8.1 Set out in the appendices.

9. **Major Risks**

9.1 Set out in the appendices.

10. **Sustainability and Climate Change Implications**

10.1 Set out in the appendices.

11. **Key Decision Information**

11.1 N/A

12. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

12.1 See Appendices

13. **List of Appendices**

13.1 The Urgent Decision Notice

13.2 The Report to Licensing and Public Protection Committee 12/10/ 2020

13.3 The Statement of Licensing Policy

14. **Background Papers**

14.1 As above.