

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
Reference: Licensing policy review

To all authorisation holders, businesses, and residents of South Gloucestershire

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Licensing Act 2003 - formal consultation on South Gloucestershire Council's Draft Statement of Licensing Policy 2022**

This Council has a duty under the Licensing Act 2003 to approve and publish a Statement of Licensing Policy, it will have regard to this when undertaking its legal functions as a licensing authority. The current Statement of Licensing Policy came into effect on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

The Licensing Act also requires that statements are reviewed, re-approved and published at least every five years. The Regulatory Committee of South Gloucestershire Council is undertaking a further review of its Statement of Licensing Policy considering the effects of the public health pandemic and supporting business recovery. The revised policy, once adopted, is proposed to come into effect from 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

The current Statement of Licensing Policy has been reviewed; this has included consideration of the statutory guidance under section 182 of the Act which the Council must have due regard to. Please refer to the consultation documents, in particular the explanatory note of proposed changes from that of the current Statement of Licensing Policy.

After the full public consultation, the draft policy will be agreed by the Regulatory Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021, adopted by Full Council on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021, and be published on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

The Council will consider all responses made during the public consultation period before finalising and publishing the Statement of Licensing Policy, as a service user, business, or local resident your views are therefore sought.

If you wish to make a response to the consultation you should send your comments by no later than **23.59hrs on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021**, via the consultation pages on the Council website at the following web link. Responses can be in paper or electronic format but must be in writing.

[Licensing Act 2003 \(LA2003\) Statement of Licensing Policy 2022 - South Gloucestershire Online Consultations \(southglos.gov.uk\)](https://www.southglos.gov.uk/consultations)

Copies of the proposed draft Statement of Licensing Policy can also be obtained on request at the Licensing office, Broad Lane, Yate, and through the Council One Stop Shops at Kennedy Way, Yate; Rodway Road, Patchway; and Civic Centre, Kingswood, and at South Gloucestershire Libraries. Internet access is available at the Libraries to view the consultation documents.

## Department for Environment & Community Services



Should you have any further questions we advise that you contact a member of the Licensing Service on 01454 868001.

Yours faithfully

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