

**Manchester City Council  
Report for Information**

**Report To:** Licensing Committee – 23 October 2017

**Subject:** Licensing Update

**Report of:** Head of Planning, Building Control & Licensing

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**Summary**

The report provides the Licensing Committee with a brief overview of topical information relevant to premises licensing functions of the licensing authority.

**Recommendations**

That Members note the report.

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**Wards Affected:**

All

<b>Manchester Strategy Outcomes</b>	<b>Summary of the contribution to the strategy</b>
A thriving and sustainable City: supporting a diverse and distinctive economy that creates jobs and opportunities	Licensed premises provide a key role as an employer, in regeneration, and in attracting people to the city. The efficient processing of applications as well as effective decision making in respect of them, plays an essential role in enabling businesses to thrive and maximise contribution to the economy of the region and sub-region.
A highly skilled city: world class and home grown talent sustaining the city's economic success	An effective Licensing Policy and implementation will enable growth in our City by supporting businesses who promote the Licensing Objectives.
A progressive and equitable city: making a positive contribution by unlocking the potential of our communities	The Licensing process provides for local residents and other interested parties to make representations in relation to licensing applications. Representations have to be directly related to the licensing objectives; in relation to the Licensing Act these are the prevention of crime and disorder, the prevention of public nuisance, public safety,

	and the protection of children from harm.
A liveable and low carbon city: a destination of choice to live, visit and work.	An effective licensing system supports and enables growth and employment in our City with neighbourhoods that provide amenities suitable to the surrounding communities.
A connected city: world class infrastructure and connectivity to drive growth	Licensed premises play an important role in ensuring an economically successful City, and the Licensing Policy seeks to achieve desirable and high quality premises to help drive that growth.

**Full details are in the body of the report, along with any implications for:**

- Equal Opportunities Policy
- Risk Management
- Legal Considerations

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#### **Financial Consequences – Revenue**

None

#### **Financial Consequences – Capital**

None

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#### **Background documents (available for public inspection):**

Copies of these documents are available up to 4 years after the date of the meeting. If you would like a copy please contact one of the contact officers above.

Draft special policy for the Ancoats and New Islington Development Framework area - Report to the Licensing Policy Committee on 21 September 2017

## **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 The report provides the Licensing Committee with a brief overview of topical information relevant to premises licensing functions of the licensing authority.

## **2.0 Proposed special policy for Ancoats and New Islington Development Framework Area**

- 2.1 On 3 October 2017, the Council's Licensing Policy Committee approved a proposed new special policy to go out to public consultation in respect of the area covered by the Ancoats and New Islington Neighbourhood Development Framework.
- 2.2 The Neighbourhood Development Framework was originally approved by the Council's Executive in 2014 and established to ensure that there is clearer specific guidance and development principles for both these areas that will support future residential growth as part of the planned expansion of the city centre in the next ten to 15 years.
- 2.3 The neighbourhoods of Ancoats and New Islington have long been the focus of public sector led investment and regeneration. In Ancoats, the North West Development Agency (NWDA) sponsored a CPO in 2003 to assemble land and create the conditions for new development and regeneration in this historic area. New Islington was a designated Millennium Communities initiative led by English Partnership (EP) who funded a CPO in 2004 that cleared the Cardroom estate and delivered a new neighbourhood comprising of up to 1,400 new homes, a new health clinic, a new marina and park and public realm improvements.
- 2.4 The Framework was updated in 2016 in view of ongoing development in the area and incorporated a provision that no licences would be granted beyond 11pm. In order to align this strategic vision with the Council's Licensing Policy, which is the key document responsible for setting out how the Council as the licensing authority will exercise its licensing function, it has been proposed to establish a special licensing policy for the Ancoats and New Islington Neighbourhood Development Framework area.
- 2.5 The proposed special policy stipulates that the Council will generally only permit licensable activities until a terminal hour of 11pm for premises in the Ancoats and New Islington Regeneration Framework area, whenever it receives relevant representation, unless an applicant can demonstrate there are exceptional circumstance to justify a departure from the policy in the individual circumstances.
- 2.6 The policy would also allow for 30 minutes drinking up time to enable patrons of licensed premises to leave and disperse with less likelihood of impacting on higher-risk hours.
- 2.7 Any applicant would need to demonstrate there are exceptional circumstances to justify a departure from the policy in the individual circumstances.

Exceptional circumstances would not include the quality of management or size of venue.

- 2.8 A targeted 12-week consultation period will now be carried out on the proposed special policy.
- 2.9 The current Licensing Policy contains special policy approaches for 2 areas of the city: Fallowfield and Wilmslow Road, which is subject to a cumulative impact policy creating a presumption against the grant of further licensed premises or extensions to current ones; and for Withington which creates a matrix approach setting out the authorities desired development of the night time economy in that area.

### **3.0 Contributing to the Community Strategy**

#### **3.1 A thriving and sustainable City: supporting a diverse and distinctive economy that creates jobs and opportunities**

- 3.1.1 Licensed premises provide a key role as an employer, in regeneration, and in attracting people to the city. The efficient processing of applications as well as effective decision making in respect of them, plays an essential role in enabling businesses to thrive and maximise contribution to the economy of the region and sub-region.

#### **3.2 A highly skilled city: world class and home grown talent sustaining the city's economic success**

- 3.2.1 An effective Licensing Policy and implementation will enable growth in our City by supporting businesses who promote the Licensing Objectives

#### **3.3 A progressive and equitable city: making a positive contribution by unlocking the potential of our communities**

- 3.3.1 The Licensing process provides for local residents and other interested parties to make representations in relation to licensing applications. Representations have to be directly related to the licensing objectives; in relation to the Licensing Act these are the prevention of crime and disorder, the prevention of public nuisance, public safety, and the protection of children from harm.

#### **3.4 A liveable and low carbon city: a destination of choice to live, visit and work.**

- 3.4.1 An effective licensing system supports and enables growth and employment in our City with neighbourhoods that provide amenities suitable to the surrounding communities.

#### **3.5 A connected city: world class infrastructure and connectivity to drive growth**

- 3.5.1 Licensed premises play an important role in ensuring an economically successful City, and the Licensing Policy seeks to achieve desirable and high quality premises to help drive that growth.

#### **4.0 Key Policies and Considerations**

- 4.1 The report deals with matters that could impact on the Council's policy statements under the Licensing Act 2003.

#### **5.0 Conclusion**

- 5.1 The report provides information to the Committee on current issues relevant to premises licensing. It is envisaged that the availability of this information will assist decision making and local policy formation in respect of licensing issues.
- 5.2 The Committee is asked to note the report.