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**Title of report:** Review of existing Ipswich Borough Council's Cumulative Impact Assessment within their Licensing Policy Statement.

**Report :** The Licensing Act 2003 requires each Licensing Authority to prepare a Licensing Policy Statement setting out the basis on which it will perform its Licensing Act 2003 functions. A policy statement has a life of up to five years, the current policy expires December 2024. Within this policy is a Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA) which must be reviewed within three years to consider whether the assessment is still valid. To carry out the review the Licensing Authority must consult with persons listed in section 5(3) of the Licensing Act 2003.

The effect of the CIA is that it creates a rebuttable presumption, which means that applications for Premises Licences that provide 'on' and 'off' sales of alcohol and /or late night refreshments within the defined area, will normally be refused unless the applicant can demonstrate in their operating schedule that they will not have an adverse effect on licensing objectives, thus adding to the cumulative impact.

**What evidence/data is being used to support this equality analysis? Please select all that apply.:** Ipswich Direct/other social media, Findings from surveys, focus groups & consultations, Information from statutory partners (e.g police), Information from voluntary & community sector (e.g ISCRE, ICVS)

**Service area:** Public Protection

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**Links to supporting documents where available:** Licensing And Regulatory Committee on 4th July 2021 approved review / consultation.

Proposed wording to be sent out to partners and wider community, councillors, business and social media and Equality and Diversity panel representatives attached.

**Please upload any supporting documents:** consultation wording 2021.docx

**What is proposed?:** The statutory consultees are:  
the Chief Officer of Police for the area;  
the Chief Fire Officer for the area;

the Director of Public Health for the area;  
representatives of:

Premises Licence holders

Club Premises Certificate

Personal Licence holders

Businesses and Residents

Will be asked to consider the current CIA and consider if still valid and to offer any supporting information with their views. The Equality and Diversity panel will be made aware and comment and views considered.

**Why are the changes being introduced?:** This is a statutory review that must be done. There are no changes being introduced by the consultation, but the finding may lead to a change in the current CIA. This could be making the area larger or smaller or removing the CIA completely. This will only be known after the legally required review / consultation.

**What evidence is being used to support this Equality Impact Assessment, and how is it being used?:** A consultation is taking place to consider the current CIA. Consultees will be expected to provide evidence, information and comments supporting their views.

**How will this change be implemented?:** Following the consultation, a further report will be produced for Committee detailing the comments made and suggested amendments to the policy. The Licensing and Regulatory Committee will be requested to determine the revised policy.

**Age:** No impact

**Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.:** The review of the cumulative impact assessment needs to be evidenced based and its effect is that it creates a rebuttable presumption that applications for new or variations in licenses will be refused or have restrictions placed on them If they are likely to add to the existing cumulative impact. This will impact on everyone the same and will not disproportionately impact on any of those people or groups with protected characteristics. Every effort will be made to ensure that awareness of this review is circulated as far and as wide as possible and any view received will be considered. This will be achieved by circulating to IBC councillors, trade representative and the Equality and Diversity panel.

**Disability:** No impact

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**Marriage & Civil Partnership:** No impact

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**Race:** No impact

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**Pregnancy & Maternity:** No impact

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**Religion or Belief:** No impact

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**Gender Reassignment:** No impact

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**Sex:** No impact

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**Sexual Orientation:** No impact

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**I can confirm the report does meet Ipswich Borough Council's equality objectives:** I can confirm the report does meet Ipswich Borough Council's equality objectives

**The report helps us to 'eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment & victimisation' in the following way(s):** It will have an evidenced basis for its justification and it will effect everyone considering a new or variation to a premises licence.

**The report helps us to 'advance equality of opportunity...' in the following way(s):** It will have an evidenced basis for its justification and it will effect everyone considering a new or variation to a premises licence. It will be published and available to anyone who wishes to see the justification for the decision to continue with, vary or stop the CIA .

**The policy helps us to 'foster good relations...' in the following way(s):** It will have an evidenced basis for its justification and will be clear and available for all to see and understand.

**The new provisions will be reviewed in the following way(s):** The law requires the CIA to be reviewed every three years.

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