Report to Licensing Committee

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Subject:	Annual Report of the Licensing Committee and Licensing Sub Committees for 2022/23
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1   Recommendations

1.1   That the Licensing Committee annual report for the Municipal year of 2022/23 is approved for submission to full Council on 25 July 2023.

2   Reasons for Recommendations

2.1   To receive and approve the Licensing Committee annual report for the Municipal year of 2022/23 and seek approval to submit the annual report to Council.

3   How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?

The work of the Licensing Committee enforces key council policies and provides an effective response to local issues as they arise.

The activities undertaken contributes to the delivery of the 2030 Vision, in particular the following:

-       our communities are built on mutual respect and taking care of each other, supported by all the agencies that ensure we feel safe and protected in our homes and local neighbourhoods.

-       our distinctive towns and neighbourhoods are successful centres of community life, leisure and entertainment where people increasingly choose to bring up their families.

4   Context and Key Issues

4.1   The Licensing Committee is responsible for exercising the powers and duties of the Council with regard to licensing matters under relevant legislation set out in this report.

The committee is required to produce an annual report to Council detailing activities completed throughout the Municipal year including the outcomes of the Committee. The report outlines the activity of the committee and responses to local and national issues. A copy of the annual report is attached at Appendix 1.

5   Alternative Options

5.1   There are no alternative options given for consideration as it is a requirement under the legislations that an annual report of the activity of the Licensing Committee is produced.

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6   Implications

Resources:	There are no resource implications arising from this report.
Legal and Governance:	Licensing Committee is responsible for the exercising of the powers and duties of the Council, i.e. those matters that are not the responsibility of the Executive/Cabinet, with regards to Licensing matters under the Licensing Act 2003,the Gambling Act 2005, the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 as extended by the Public Health Act 1875. The Licensing Act 2003 (Alcohol Licensing) The Gambling Act 2005 (The Licensing of Gambling) and the Local Government Act 1972 (Licensing of Taxis) allow the Licensing Committee to arrange for the discharge of any of its functions by a sub-committee or an officer of the Licensing Authority in accordance with its terms of reference and officer scheme of delegation. Arrangements may provide for more than one sub-committee or officer to discharge the same functions concurrently. The membership of the Sub Committee is reviewed each year following the appointment of members to the Licensing Committee at the Annual Council Meeting. The Licensing Committee has already delegated the majority of its licensing functions to the Sub Committee and/or Officers.

Risk:	There are no risks identified in relation to crime and disorder from the recommendation of this report. The activity undertaken by Licensing Committee seeks to reduce instances of crime and disorder that may impact on residents and visitors of the Sandwell borough.
Equality:	There are no equality implications arising from this report.
Health and Wellbeing:	There are no direct health and wellbeing implications arising from this report.
Social Value	There are no direct social value implications arising from this report.

7.   Appendices

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8.   Background Papers

None