

REPORT TO:	Licensing Committee
DATE:	4 th March 2015
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SUBJECT:	Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 – Update on the proposed Policy

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.2 To up-date Members on the progress made with regards to preparing a Scrap Metal Dealers Policy.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2.1 Members will be aware that they agreed, within the Forward Work Programme, to consider an All Wales policy for the Scrap Metal Dealers licensing regime.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 The Council has a statutory responsibility under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 for licensing, compliance and enforcement in relation to scrap metal dealers.

3.2 The Act is prescriptive in the requirements for an application but not regarding the process. There is no statutory requirement to provide a policy document.

3.3 The provision of a policy and guidance provides applicants and other agencies with a benchmark of the licensing authority's expectations and will assist them in understanding statutory requirements and in submitting complete and accurate applications thereby alleviating unnecessary work and delay.

3.4 Representatives from the Licensing Expert Panel (LEP) have been working on an all Wales policy and a final version of the policy was presented to the LEP on the 21st January 2015. It was agreed to circulate to all Welsh licensing authorities for comments.

3.5 Officers will hopefully be able to present the proposed all Wales policy, once the final version has been approved by the LEP on the 22nd April 2015, to Members, at a future meeting later this year.

4. **RECOMMENDATION**

4.1 For Members to note the contents of the report.