



Licensing Committee – 4 March 2013

Licensing Act 2003 - Update

Purpose of report

To inform members of proposed changes to the Licensing Act 2003.

Attachment(s)

None

1.0 Background

1.1 Through the red tape challenge and last years public consultation 'Rebalancing the Licensing Act', the Government announced in January 2013 that they are proposing further changes to the licensing regime.

2.0 Proposed changes

2.1 As a result of the above consultation, a new policy for entertainment has been developed by the Government via the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) as detailed below:

Performance of plays: no longer requires a licence between 08:00-23:00 for audiences of up to 500 people.

Performance of dance: no longer requires a licence between 08:00-23:00 for audiences of up to 500 people.

Indoor sport: no longer requires a licence from 08:00-23:00 for audiences of up to 1,000 people.

They also intend to exempt from most forms of entertainment licensing:

Community venues (including local authority)

Schools

Nurseries

Hospitals

Circuses

The above changes are expected to be introduced in April 2013 but the detail and exact timings are still to be confirmed.

3.0 Equality and Diversity Implications

3.1 There are no equality and diversity implications arising from the report.

4.0 Legal Implications

4.1 Implementation of each of the reforms will involve their own legal implications that will need to be considered in more detail when the provisions of the Act are commenced, and the reforms require local implementation.

5.0 Risk Management

5.1 There are no identified risks arising from the report.

6.0 Financial Implications

6.1 These reforms will affect the number of applications received and as such the income received from these types of licences.

7.0 Corporate Outcomes

7.1 The Corporate Outcomes affected by this policy are:

- Good Quality of Life
- Effective Partnership Working
- Effective Management
- Good Reputation
- High Quality Service Delivery
- Strong Community Leadership
- Knowledge of Customers and Communities.

8.0 Conclusion

8.1 This information is provided for members for information about changes due to be made to the Licensing Act 2003.

Legal	Power: Licensing Act 2003				
	Other considerations:				
Background Papers:					
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