



Licensing Committee - 3 March 2010

Licensing Activity and update report

Summary

This report summarises the licensing activity for East Northamptonshire Council over the last six months and highlights current issues relating to licensing matters

Attachment(s)

Licensing Activity Statistics

1.0	Introduction
1.1	This report summarises the licensing activity within the District of East Northamptonshire over the last six months. It breaks down the number of new licences, variations, reviews, Temporary Event Notices (TENs) and personal licence applications received (Appendix 1). In addition it highlights to Members changes to the section 182 guidance since the last Licensing Committee meeting.
2.0	Licensing Act 2003 – section 182 guidance
2.1	There has been a flurry of activity around the Licensing Act 2003 over the past few months. There have been a series of consultations relating to live music, simplifying the TENs application process and relevant offences. Members have been consulted on these consultations and consultation responses have been submitted. The results of these consultations should be published by DCMS in May 2010.
2.2	In December 2009 a consolidated version of the s182 guidance was published and distributed to Members. This has now been superseded by a January 2010 version of the guidance. The key change in the January version is as a result of the Police and Crime Act 2009. The 2009 Act introduced a number of measures which are relevant, or made changes, to the 2003 Act, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a mandatory code of practice for alcohol retailers; - elected members of licensing authorities included as interested parties; - reclassification of lap dancing clubs so they require a sex establishment licence <p>This means that elected Members for the purposes of the Licensing Act 2003 are considered to be interested parties, and as such they can comment on applications, variations and call for reviews of licences. There is specific guidance for interested parties that has been provided to Members.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	Members are asked to note the contents of this report.

Implications:

Corporate Outcomes or Other Policy/Priority/Strategy

Good Quality of Life	<input type="checkbox"/>	Good Reputation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Good Value for Money	<input type="checkbox"/>	High Quality Service Delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective Partnership Working	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strong Community Leadership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Knowledge of our Customers and Communities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Employees and Members with the Right Knowledge, Skills and Behaviours	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

Other:		<input type="checkbox"/>
Decision(s) would be outside the budget or policy framework and require full Council approval		<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial	There are no financial implications at this stage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	There will be financial implications – see paragraph	<input type="checkbox"/>
	There is provision within existing budget	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Decisions may give rise to additional expenditure at a later date	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Decisions may have potential for income generation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Risk Management	An assessment has been carried out and there are no material risks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Material risks exist and these are recorded at Risk Register Reference - inherent risk score - residual risk score -	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff	There are no additional staffing implications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Additional staff will be required – see paragraph	<input type="checkbox"/>
Equalities and Human Rights	There will be no impact on equality (race, age, gender, disability, religion/belief, sexual orientation) or human rights implications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	There will be an impact on equality (see categories above) or human rights implications – see paragraph	<input type="checkbox"/>
Legal	Power: Licensing Act 2003	
	Other considerations:	
Background Papers:		
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Appendix One – Licensing Activity August 2009 – January 2010

New Premises Licence Applications	
12/08/2009	New Lodge Fields, Armston Road, Polebrook
02/10/2009	Buntings Fine Foods, 66 High Street, Thrapston
09/10/2009	Rushden Station
12/10/2009	Courtyard Luxury Lodge, Stanwick
16/10/2009	Greenworths Country Shop, 34-36 High Street, Brigstock
18/11/2009	Monforte Wines, 1 Oundle Road, Blackbird Cottage, Woodnewton, PE8 5EG

Variation to Licence	
12/08/2009	Rushden Kebab House, 138 Wellingborough Road
16/10/2009	Luvly Jubbly, High Street, Rushden
12/12/2009	Axe & Compass Ringstead

Review Applications	
15/09/2009	Irthlingborough Town Band Club
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15/01/2010	Benefield Wheatsheaf

Minor Variation Applications	
04/08/2009	Courtyard Luxury Lodge
10/08/2009	Court House Inn, Huntingdon Road, Thrapston
17/08/2009	Griffin, Higham Ferrers
07/10/2009	Luvly Jubbly
09/12/2009	Feathers Rushden

Other Licence Types	
TENs	178
Personal Licences	30
Vary DPS	25
Transfer of Licence	18
Remove DPS	3
Interim Authority Notice	1
Premises & Personal Change of details/duplicate licences	32