



Licensing Committee - 6 October 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)

Appendix One - 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 the consultation on Rebalancing the Licensing Act.

2.0 Rebalancing the Licensing Act

2.1 A recent consultation by the coalition government asked for our opinions on its plans to overhaul the current licensing regime, in order to give more power to local authorities and police. The aim is to help deal with alcohol-related crime and disorder, while also promoting responsible businesses.

The proposals included:

- overhauling the Licensing Act to give local authorities and the police much stronger powers to remove licences from, or refuse to grant licences to premises that are causing problems
- allowing councils and the police to permanently shut down any shop or bar that is repeatedly selling alcohol to children
- doubling the maximum fine for those caught selling alcohol to minors to £20,000
- allowing local councils to charge more for late-night licences, which will help pay for additional policing
- banning the sale of alcohol below cost price.

2.2 The government was interested in what we thought the implications were of implementing the proposals. We fed back responses on behalf of the Councillors, Officers and the Licensing Partnership Authorities. We now await the outcome of the consultation and the impact this will have on how we deliver our Licensing services.

3.0 Recommendation

3.1 Members are asked to note the contents of this report.

Implications:

Corporate Outcomes or Other Policy/Priority/Strategy

Appendix One - Licensing Activity

New Premises Licences - 12

Thurning Village Hall
Snax 24 Ltd A45 Rushden(Eastbound)
50 High Street Irthlingborough
Collyweston Community Shop
Jazz Off Licence & Convenience Store
Lilford Lodge Farm (land), Barnwell
Jems Diner Warmington
Gourmet Wine Box, 3 Tyler Way, Thrapston
Montagu Hampers, Slipton
Tansor Village Hall
Shuckburgh Arms, Main Street, Southwick
Joytun Indian Cuisine

Vary Premises Licence - 4

Exeter Arms, Easton on the Hill
The Feathers, Rushden
Kings Arms Thrapston
Oundle School

Minor Variations - 4

Euro Off-Licence
Rose & Crown, Oundle
Rose & Crown, Rushden
Star & Garter, Chelveston

Other Licence Types	
TENs	238
Personal Licences	41
Vary DPS	36
Transfer of Licence	12
Remove DPS	2
Interim Authority Notice	0
Premises & Personal Change of details/duplicate licences	31
Disapply Mandatory DPS Condition to Community Premises	0
Notification of Interest	12

No Reviews were received during this period for East Northants

Good Quality of Life	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good Reputation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Good Value for Money	<input type="checkbox"/>	High Quality Service Delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective Partnership Working	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Strong Community Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective Management	<input type="checkbox"/>	Knowledge of our Customers and Communities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employees and Members with the Right Knowledge, Skills and Behaviours			<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: None			
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