

Report to Licensing Committee

Agenda
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Meeting Date: 12 February 2014
 Portfolio: Finance, Governance and Resources
 Key Decision: Not Applicable:
 Within Policy and
 Budget Framework NO
 Public / Private Public

Title: LICENSING ACT 2003 - UPDATE
 Report of: Director of Governance
 Report Number: GD 05/14

Purpose / Summary:

This report gives an update on the Council's current position regarding applications under the Licensing Act 2003.

Recommendations:

Members are requested to note the information.

Tracking

Executive:	n/a
Overview and Scrutiny:	n/a
Council:	n/a

This report is presented to give an update on the Council's current position under the Licensing Act 2003.

1 Background

- 1.1 The Licensing Act 2003 took effect on 24th November 2005, from which date this Council administered all licences issued.
- 1.2 This report summarises the current situation with regard to licences issued under the Act and explains recent changes in the legislation.

2 Licence figures – as at 31 January 2014

2.1 Personal Licences

Previous Report - 1375

Current Licences – 1394

Total licences surrendered/revoked - 11

2.2 Premises Licences

With alcohol

Previous Report - 395

Current Licences –391

Total licences surrendered - 108

Without alcohol

Previous Report - 88

Current Licences – 86

Total licences cancelled - 27

2.3 Club Premises Certificate

With alcohol

Previous Report - 22

Current Licences – 22

Total licences surrendered – 5

Without alcohol

Previous Report - 0

Current Licences – 0

2.4 Temporary Event Notices

Year	No. Received	No. Refused
2006	199	5
2007	261	3
2008	267	2
2009	203	12
2010	243	5
2011	276	6
2012	247	4
2013	200	3
2014 to date	6	0

2.5 Current applications – Includes new, change of DPS, variation of hours, transfers etc.

Pending applications – 13

3 Current Issues

3.1 Licensing Act 2003

The Government are still considering further de-regulation of regulated entertainment and the future of the personal licence system for alcohol licensing. The areas being looked at include:

- Increase the number of TEN's from 12 to 15 per year
- Amend the validity of a personal licence from 10 years to indefinite
- Repeal restriction on children purchasing liqueur confectionery
- Allow licensing authorities to exempt designated premises from the requirement to licence late night refreshment
- Remove requirement to report lost/stolen licence to Police
- Remove requirement for community premises to hold a licence for the exhibition of a film where:
 - Permission granted by management committee
 - Exhibition of film not for profit
 - Takes place between 8am – 11pm
 - No more than 500 persons present
 - Restriction of children dependent upon film classification

The Licensing Manager will respond to any consultation on this subject.

3.2 Football - World Cup 2014

The Local Government Association, ACPO and the British Beer and Pub Association have produced a booklet entitled 'Managing World Cup Success' with advice for licensees prior to the football World Cup. Most of the games will be broadcast live and some finish in the early hours of the morning (UK time). It is expected that liquor licensed premises will wish to take advantage of these hours and extend their opening hours as appropriate.

The document has been circulated to licensed premises that are known to show live football and will also be available on our website. A press release will also be made at the appropriate time.

3.3 Christmas crime figures

The violent crime figures have been published Cumbria Police and Carlisle has had a massive reduction especially the City Centre. There were approximately 60% less assaults than 2 years ago from 63 to 27. The rest of the force has seen an increase. This figure reflects the effort being put into the night time economy by all agencies involved. The reduction cannot be attributed to one particular reason, but members will be aware of the following initiatives, all tailored to reduce crime and anti social behaviour:

- Carlisle & Eden Best Bar None Scheme
- On going training for bar staff through sponsorship
- Carlisle & Eden Community Safety Partnership initiatives e.g. supply of spikekeys, drug wipes, posters etc.
- Carlisle Pubwatch
- Street Pastors
- Taxi Marshalls
- Botchergate road closure

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are requested to note this report.

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Appendices None
attached to report:

Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers:

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS/RISKS:

Chief Executive's – None

Community Engagement – None

Economic Development – None

Governance – None

Local Environment – None

Resources – None