

Report to Licensing Committee

Agenda
Item:

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Meeting Date: 29 May 2013
 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 31/13

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 17 May 2013

2.1 Personal Licences

Previous Report - 1322

Current Licences – 1336

Total licences surrendered/revoked - 11

2.2 Premises Licences

With alcohol

Previous Report - 390

Current Licences – 392

Total licences surrendered - 91

Without alcohol

Previous Report - 89

Current Licences – 89

Total licences surrendered - 24

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 to date	73	1

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

Pending applications – 14

3 Current Issues

3.1 Licensing Act 2003 - Fees

Currently all fees under the Licensing Act are fixed by Central Government. They are reviewing this to ensure that Licensing Authorities recover the full cost of administering the licensing function. Further information is expected in the next few months and will be reported to this committee.

3.2 Relaxation of legislation for Regulated Entertainment

The Government are currently considering reducing the burden on premises who wish to carry out Regulated Entertainment. This could include increasing the minimum number of participants to 500 before the activity is required to be licensed. Further information is expected in the next few months which will be reported to this committee.

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