

LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

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LICENSING ACT 2003

ENFORCEMENT REPORT ON LICENSING MATTERS

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Summary

The purpose of this report is to present the local authority compliance and enforcement report on licensing matters to the Licensing and Safety Committee and for members to ask officers questions and make comments.

1. Budget and Policy Framework

1.1 The Council's statement of licensing policy in respect of its functions under the Licensing Act 2003 refers to the licensing objective of the prevention of crime and disorder and associated enforcement.

2. Background

2.1 The Council's Licensing Team works closely in partnership with other agencies and sections of the council to deliver the statutory requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 and other licensing legislation.

2.2 The Council has established protocols with these agencies on licensing compliance and enforcement issues. These provide for the targeting of resources towards high-risk premises and activities that require greater attention, while providing a lighter touch in respect of low risk premises that are well operated. All licence holders are expected to co-operate in order to promote the licensing objectives. Evidence of continued non-compliance may be considered sufficient grounds for review, suspension or revocation of any licence by the relevant agency, local authority officer.

2.3 A copy of the report is attached at Appendix A for Members' consideration.

3. Risk Management

- 3.1 It is important that the Licensing & Safety Committee is kept fully informed of issues in respect of licensing matters.

4. Financial and legal implications

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report
- 4.2 The Council has produced its Statement of Licensing Policy as required by the Licensing Act 2003.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 That the report at Appendix A is considered by the committee and Members are invited to comment where appropriate.

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Background papers

None