

Licensing Committee Report

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4. LICENSING ACT 2003 PROGRESS REPORT

1. Decision Required

- 1.1 To consider the likely impact of the new licensing regime governing alcohol and entertainments and to note the preparations that will have to be made for its introduction.

2. Supporting Information

- 2.1.1 There are plans to radically reform the country's licensing laws. The Licensing Act 2003 will significantly enlarge the licensing responsibilities of local authorities. In the future, the local authority will grant premises licences to authorise the sale or supply of alcohol; the provision of 'regulated entertainment'; and provision of late night refreshment (sale of hot food or drink between 11p.m. and 5a.m.).
- 2.1.2 Members will receive a presentation by Officers on the progress of the Licensing Bill and the expectations of how the new system might affect the Council and the community at large. The future roles of the Licensing Committee and its sub-committee will be discussed and the preparations required to efficiently implement the new regime.
- 2.1.3 Whilst many documents have been produced since its publication in December 2002, the Local Government Association's 'Rough Guide to the Licensing Bill' is still a good summary of the proposed changes and the strategic issues for local authorities. A copy of this guide is attached as Appendix A.

Background Documents

There are no background documents