

Meeting: LICENSING & REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 25th October 2010

Title of Report: LOCAL LICENSING: PERFORMANCE REPORT 2010/11

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This report contains	Yes	No
CONFIDENTIAL information		√
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Is the decision of this report DELEGATED?	√	

Purpose of Report

To report progress against the 2010/11 Local Licensing service plan.

Recommendation(s)

That Members:

- i) Note this Report; and,
- ii) Note that further reports will be submitted at half yearly intervals.

Corporate Objective Monitoring

Corporate Objective		Positive Impact	Neutral Impact	Negative Impact
1	Creating a Learning Community		√	
2	Creating Safe Communities	√		
3	Jobs and Prosperity		√	
4	Improving Health and Well-Being		√	
5	Environmental Sustainability		√	
6	Creating Inclusive Communities		√	
7	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local Democracy		√	
8	Children and Young People		√	

Financial Implications

The inspection visits are catered for within the existing Licensing Unit budget.

Licensing Act 2003 programmed inspections

Background

1. A Report was presented to Members on 23rd May 2006 (entitled “Commencement of Programmed Inspections for premises licensed under the Licensing Act 2003”) outlining the rationale for the Licensing Act 2003 (“the LA03”) Inspection Regime.
2. The minimum inspection frequency of premises for 2010/2011 is as follows:

Category	Minimum Inspection Frequency	Number of Inspections
A	At least every 12 months	44 per year
B	At least every 24 months	285 per year
C	Alternative enforcement strategy	Nil

3. Category A referring to those premises considered High Risk, Category B being Medium Risk, and Category C being Low Risk.
4. The inspection year runs from 1st April to 31st March.
5. One of the recommendations of the Report was that Members noted that further reports would be submitted updating them as to the results of Inspection Visits undertaken.

Details of Inspections Undertaken

6. The following number of programmed Inspection Visits were undertaken by Officers between 1st April 2010 and 30th September 2010:

Category	Number of premises visited in period	Running total for inspection year
A	9	9
B	85	85

Gambling Act 2005 programmed inspections

Background

7. A Report was presented to Members on 31st March 2008 (entitled “Commencement of Programmed Inspections for premises licensed under the Gambling Act 2005”) outlining the rationale for the new Gambling Act 2005 (“the GA05”) Inspection Regime.
8. The minimum inspection frequency of premises for 2010/2011 are as follows:

Category	Minimum Inspection Frequency	Number of Inspections
A	At least every 12 months	2 per year
B	At least every 24 months	22 per year
C	Alternative enforcement strategy	Nil

9. Category A referring to those premises considered High Risk, Category B being Medium Risk, and Category C being Low Risk.
10. As with the LA03 the inspection year for the GA05 runs from 1st April to 31st March.

11. Again one of the recommendations of the Report was that Members noted that further reports would be submitted updating them as to the results of Inspection Visits undertaken.

Details of Inspections Undertaken

12. The following number of programmed Inspection Visits were undertaken by Officers between 1st April 2010 and 30th September 2010:

Category	Number of premises visited in period	Running total for inspection year
A	1	1
B	3	3

Details of Service Requests received

13. Within the same period the Section also received and dealt with 496 Service Requests. This representing a 20% increase over the 414 Requests received during the equivalent 6-month period for 2009/2010.
14. Of these 41 took the form of LA03 complaints, 2 were GA05 complaints and 7 were General Licensing complaints.
15. Of the remaining Service Requests 356 were requests to the Section for LA03 guidance or advice, 38 were requests for GA05 guidance or advice, 48 were requests for General Licensing guidance or advice, whilst 4 were queries over the trial leafleting scheme.
16. All of the above Requests have been attended to within the Departmental timescales laid down for such matters.

Details of applications accepted for process

17. Within the same period 524 applications were accepted for process under the LA03, this representing a 5% increase over the 498 applications received during the equivalent 6-month period for 2009/2010.
18. Under the GA05, 62 were accepted for process, this representing a 35% increase over the 46 applications received during the equivalent 6-month period for 2009/2010.

Details of reviews held

19. During the relevant period 3 Reviews have been held compared with none held during the equivalent 6-month period for 2009/2010.

Details of general licensing

20. During the relevant period 31 Licences have been issued, compared with the 25 issued during the equivalent 6-month period for 2009/2010, this represents a 24% increase.