

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING ACT 2003 COMMITTEE

22 MARCH 2012

REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

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1. GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION PAPER ON LATE NIGHT LEVY AND EARLY MORNING RESTRICTION ORDERS

1.1 Issue for Decision

1.1.1 To consider a proposed response to the government consultation paper on the late night levy and early morning restriction orders.

1.2 Recommendation of Head of Democratic Services

1.2.1 That the draft response attached in Appendix 2 to the report be approved for submission to the Government in response to the consultation paper on the Late Night Levy and Early Morning Restriction Orders.

1.3 Reasons for Recommendation

1.3.1 A consultation paper on dealing with the problems of late night drinking consulting on secondary legislation for the Late Night Levy and Early Morning Restrictions Orders has been issued by Government seeking views on a number of questions regarding the processes for the implementation of this legislation. A copy of the consultation paper is attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

1.3.2 Working with the Police, the Community Safety Unit and the Safer Maidstone Partnership a draft response has been prepared to the questions set out within the consultation paper and a copy of those questions together with the proposed responses is attached at Appendix 2.

1.4 Alternative Action and why not Recommended

1.4.1 The Committee could decide not to respond but to not do so would mean that the Council had missed an opportunity to comment on

proposed government legislation that will have implications for the council, residents and businesses.

1.5 Impact on Corporate Objectives

1.5.1 The proposed response sets out the arrangements for the levy and orders that would support the council's strategic priorities. .

1.6 Risk Management

1.6.1 There are no significant risk management issues.

1.7 Other Implications

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1. Financial
2. Staffing
3. Legal
4. Equality Impact Needs Assessment
5. Environmental/Sustainable Development
6. Community Safety
7. Human Rights Act
8. Procurement
9. Asset Management

X

1.7.2 Legal implications are dealt with in the body of the report.

1.8 Relevant Documents

1.8.1 Appendices

1.8.2 Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.

1.8.3 Background Documents

1.8.4 None.

IS THIS A KEY DECISION REPORT?

Yes

No

If yes, when did it first appear in the Forward Plan?

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This is a Key Decision because:

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Wards/Parishes affected:

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