

BRECKLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of Assistant Director of Commissioning

To: Licensing Committee - 9th October 2013

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Subject: Consultation on Personal Alcohol Licences

Purpose: To inform of current Home Office consultation on whether personal licences should be abolished and replaced with targeted, relevant, local conditions on premises licences under the Licensing Act 2003.

Recommendation(s): To read and discuss the consultation document and decide on an appropriate response.

1. BACKGROUND

The government is concerned that the system of personal licences may not always be the most proportionate or effective way to ensure alcohol is sold responsibly. Their consultation published 12th September 2013 proposes enabling targeted, local alternatives to personal licences. The government estimates that the proposal could save businesses some £10 million a year while keeping a focus on tackling crime and disorder at licensed premises. The government is seeking views on whether it would achieve this from licensing authorities, the police, the licensed trade, health bodies and the public. The consultation runs for 8 weeks and closes on 7th November 2013.

The consultation document can be viewed following the link in the 'Background papers' section at the end of this report. The government's Impact Assessment for the consultation document can also be viewed on that web page.

2. OPTIONS

This report is only for information at this stage other than to decide whether to respond to the consultation and the content of any response.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

N/A

4. EXPECTED BENEFITS

N/A

5. IMPLICATIONS

5.1 **Legal n/a**

5.2 **Risks n/a**

- 5.3 **Financial n/a**
- 5.4 **Timescales n/a**
- 5.5 **Equality and Diversity n/a**
- 5.6 **Stakeholders / Consultation n/a**
- 5.7 **Contracts n/a**
- 5.8 **Section 17, Crime & Disorder Act 1998 n/a**

6. WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED

All

Background papers:-

'Personal Alcohol Licences: Enabling Targeted, Local Alternatives'

www.gov.uk/government/consultations/personal-alcohol-licences-enabling-targeted-local-alternatives

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Appendices attached to this report:

None