

LICENSING ACT 2003 DEREGULATION	ITEM
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Committee	Licensing Committee
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Papers with report	Appendix 1 – Draft Statutory Instrument
Ward(s) affected	All

SUMMARY

To inform the Committee of the forthcoming legislative changes which are due to be finalised by Government in the next few weeks.

RECOMMENDATION

That the committee note the information

INFORMATION

The Government has laid draft regulations in respect of the deregulation of the Schedule 1 of the Licensing Act 2003

The draft Statutory Instrument will deregulate certain types of entertainment meaning that authorisation will not be required as long as the activities are provided within the parameters of the exemption.

- Performances of plays will be deregulated as long as the audience consists of no more than 500 persons and where performances take place between 8am and 11pm.
- Indoor Sporting Events will be deregulated as long as the audience consists of no more than 1000 persons and events take place between 8am and 11pm.
- Performances of dance will be deregulated as long as the audience consists of no more than 500 persons and where performances take place between 8am and 11pm.

The definition of 'Boxing & Wrestling' has also been amended to include mixed martial arts which means that ring/cage fighting events will become licensable.

These deregulations are in addition to the provisions of the Live Music Act 2012 which deregulated live music in certain premises between certain times.

The Government Guidance issued under S182 of the Licensing Act 2003 will be amended to reflect the legislative changes in due course. The current version of the guidance is the October 2012 edition.