

| CONSULTATION ON A LOCAL ALTERNATIVE TO PERSONAL LICENCES | ITEM |
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| Papers with report | Appendix 1 – Consultation Paper Appendix 2 – Impact Assessment |
| Ward(s) affected | All |

SUMMARY

To inform the Committee of the consultation to abolish personal licences.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee instruct Officers to draft a response to the Consultation.

INFORMATION

The Government has published a consultation document on its proposal to abolish personal licences. The consultation started on 12th September 2013 and finishes on 7th November 2013.

Under the current legislation, all sales of alcohol must be authorised by a personal licence holder. Additionally, all premises selling alcohol must specify the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) for that premises, who must hold a personal licence.

The consultation suggests keeping two national benchmarks for training and CRB checks and asks for views on requiring all alcohol sales to be made or authorised by the Designated Premises Supervisor rather than a personal licence holder. It also suggests requiring a CRB declaration to be provided with any future applications to vary the Designated Premises Supervisor.

The Government also proposes to enable Local Authorities to impose conditions on a premises licence following a Review of the licence, requiring all staff selling alcohol to carry out training, as accredited by the Secretary of State, in problem premises.

In the event of personal licences being abolished, the law will change with regard to the number of Temporary Event Notices (TENS) to allow a person who is either the named DPS of a premises licence or the holder of an accredited training course to give 50 TENS a year. Anyone who does not meet the criteria will only be allowed to give 5 TENS a year.

Currently, anyone who holds a personal licence can give 50 TENS a year and non-personal licence holders can only give 5 TENS a year.

The abolishing of personal licences will also affect many current conditions imposed on the licence by the Licensing Sub-Committee stipulating that there shall be one or more personal licence holders on the premises whilst alcohol is sold. Such conditions will become void.

The consultation paper and impact assessment are attached to this report as Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 respectfully.