

DCMS Proposal to Exempt Live Music Events from Licensing Act 2003.

Committee	Licensing Committee
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Papers with report	Response letter to the DCMS in respect of their proposal to exempt small live music events from the Licensing Act 2003
Ward(s) affected	All

SUMMARY

To inform the Licensing Committee of the response sent to the Department of Culture Media and Sport on their behalf by the Licensing Service Manager, in respect of the DCMS proposal to exempt small live music events from the Licensing Act 2003.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Licensing Committee note the report.

INFORMATION

On the 31st of December 2009 the Department of Culture, Media and Sport published via their web site a consultation on their proposal to exempt small live music events from the Licensing Act 2003.

This consultation picked up by the Institute of Licensing and it was passed on via an email alert to all IoL members.

As the Licensing Service Manager did not receive the IoL email alert information until the week commencing the 11th of January 2010, it was not possible to have the matter put onto the agenda for the full Licensing Committee meeting which was scheduled for the 19th of January 2010, consequently a *special* meeting of the Licensing Committee was convened on Monday the 8th of February to discuss the proposal and to formulate a response to the DCMS in respect of the consultation document, as responses to the consultation had to be submitted to the DCMS by the 26th of March 2010.

At the *special* meeting of the Licensing Committee on the 8th of February the DCMS consultation was then subject to full debate by the members of the Licensing Committee and they were unanimous in their opposition to the proposals.

The Licensing Committee then directed the Licensing Service Manager to write, on their behalf, to the DCMS expressing their views.

Following the meeting the Licensing Service Manager drafted a response letter to the DCMS, which was then sent to all members of the Licensing Committee for consideration.

As no adverse comments were received from members of the Licensing Committee members the Licensing Service Manager despatched the letter on the 1st of March 2010.

Note:-

A copy of the letter is annexed to this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

The Licensing Act 2003.

The DCMS consultation document