

Licensing Committee

Date: 28th February 2018

Case Law - Relaxation of Licensing Hours For The Royal Wedding

Report of the Chief Fire Officer: Mr Paul Hedley

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle

Purpose of Report

To advise members of the Consultation on the Relaxation of Licensing hours for the Royal Wedding of HRH Prince Harry and Ms Meghan Markle on 19th May 2018

Recommendations

1. Note the content of the report

Key Issues & Background

1. Section 172 of the Licensing Act 2003 permits the Secretary of State to make an order relaxing licensing hours for licensed premises in relation to a 'celebration period' to mark an occasion of 'exceptional international, national or local significance'.
2. On 7th January, the Home Office issued a Consultation suggesting the relaxation, in England and Wales, of licensing hours on the 18th and 19th of May 2018. The relaxation would only apply to sales of alcohol and for late night refreshment for consumption on the premises. Responses to the Consultation were required by 7th February.
3. The Consultation document advises that the wedding date coincides with the FA Cup Final but that there have been no reports of increased football-related disorder when major football matches have coincided with a temporary extension for royal events.
4. If the proposals in the consultation are agreed, the Home Office will issue an Order that will be a blanket extension for all premises. Businesses will not need to apply for a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) for their premises as long as they adhere to the proposed extended hours. A TEN will still be needed for activities in currently unlicensed premises.
5. In reaching its decision the Government advises that it will balance reducing burdens on business with protecting the public from potential crime and disorder.
6. Following the publication of the Consultation document and given the short response time and the fact that this Committee would not meet again before the deadline I discussed this consultation with the Chair and it was agreed that the Authority would respond positively to the questions in the Consultation and support the proposed extension of licensing hours in England and Wales on the two days for sales of alcohol and the provision of late night refreshment only.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS
Home Office Consultation Document

IMPLICATIONS ARISING OUT OF THE REPORT

Policy:	None
Finance and value for money:	None
Human Resources:	None
Property:	None
Equalities:	None
Risk Assessment:	Not applicable
Crime & Disorder:	Licensing hours will be extended on the prescribed days
Customer Considerations:	None
Carbon Reduction:	None
Consultation:	None
Wards:	All

Finance Officer	n/a
Monitoring Officer/Legal	n/a
Human Resources	n/a
Procurement	n/a
I.T.	n/a
Executive Director	PH
Portfolio Holder(s)	JR