

Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill

Licensing Committee

Date: 5 January 2011

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Wards Affected: All

Purpose

To discuss a commentary on the Licensing elements of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill.

Recommendation

Licensing Committee is asked : -

- To consider the attached briefing and to highlight any areas of concern which the committee wishes should be fed back through the debate in Parliament.

1. Reasons

- 1.1 The Licensing Act 2003 is to undergo a review, with major changes. There are some notable changes from the text circulated for consultation, indicating that many of the comments made during the course of the consultation have been taken on board.

2. Detail

- 2.1 The Bill is progressing through the parliamentary stages so there are still opportunities to influence the final outcome.
- 2.2 Since the commentary is in the appendix, no detail has been provided in the body of the report.

Alternative Options

- Committee could resolve to acknowledge the Bill as it is and not seek to further any amendments.

Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

The proposal is to comment. There are no costs to doing that but there are proposals in the Bill which will have major financial implications for local authorities when implemented.

Legal / Human Rights Implications It is open to anyone to comment on the Bill.

Links to Corporate Plans and Policies (in particular to Swindon 2010 Promises)

The exercise of licensing and associated powers relates particularly to reduction of

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crime and the fear of crime.

Consultees

- The Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer) and Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted on all reports.

Background Papers and Appendices

- Licensing sections from the draft Bill.
- Commentary on the Licensing proposals contained in the Bill.