

3 LICENSING QUARTERLY UPDATE 1- PERIOD FROM THE FIRST APPOINTED DAY

Matter for Consideration

The periodic update on Licensing statistics for the period from the first to second appointed day. The report updates the Committee on licences applied for, dealt with and appealed.

Information

The Licensing Committee has as a key responsibility, a requirement to be informed as to overall details of Licences issued and other statistics on Licensing.

Since the Authority became responsible for licensing it has dealt with 1724 Premises Licences and 1768 Personal Licences. The Premises Licences represent 1157 conversions of existing licences, 411 variations of existing licences and 156 new premises applications.

In period between July and October, the Council scheduled 177 hearings of which 97 were cancelled (54%) and 80 (46%) were heard. Only one of these hearings was for a personal licence. This represents approximately 10% of the premises licences, which were received. Clearly mediation between the applicant and objectors has been successful in avoiding hearings in the majority of cases. A total of 20 Panel meetings have been scheduled for November of which 16 have already been cancelled.

A total of 10 appeals against the decisions made have been lodged. One has been dealt with so far, which was Bar 24/7, the 24 hour licence application. This was dealt with after agreement was reached between the applicant, Police and the residents who objected.

Financial Considerations

None

Legal Considerations

None

Personnel Considerations

None

Relevant Officer

Mark Lewis, Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Background Papers

None

Recommendations

To note the update on licences considered, dealt with and appealed.