



Report No: Public Agenda Item: **Yes**

Title: **Decisions taken in relation to Licensing Act 2003 applications under delegated powers**

Wards Affected: **All**

To: **Licensing Committee** On: **31 January 2013**

Key Decision: **No**

Change to Budget: **No** Change to Policy Framework: **No**

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## **1. What we are trying to achieve**

- 1.1 To inform Members of the decisions taken in relation to Licensing Act 2003 applications by the Executive Head Community Safety under delegated powers.

## **2. Recommendation(s) for decision**

- 2.1 That Members note the decisions made under delegated powers so that they maintain a general overview of the current licensing situation under the Licensing Act 2003.

## **3. Key points and reasons for recommendations**

- 3.1 Torbay Council's "Statement of Licensing Policy" (adopted December 2010) details the scheme of delegation under the Licensing Act 2003. This Policy also requires that the Licensing Committee receive regular reports (section 1.19) on delegated decisions, so that it can maintain a general overview of the current licensing situation.

**For more detailed information on this proposal please refer to Appendix A.**

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## Appendix A – Supporting information to Report

### A1. Introduction and history

A1.1 The Licensing Act 2003 came into force on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2005. On the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012 Torbay Council had 820 Premises Licences/Club Premises Certificates; this is the same as 6 months earlier. Up until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012 the Licensing Committee has dealt with 521 premises hearings, of which 5 were between 1<sup>st</sup> April and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012. Additionally up to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012, 2518 Personal Licences had been issued, of which 67 had been issued between 1<sup>st</sup> April and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

A1.2 From 1<sup>st</sup> April and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012, Torbay Council has dealt with the following applications under the Licensing Act 2003.

	<b>Total</b>
Premises/Club Premises Applications – New	7
Premises/Club Premises Applications – Variations	13
Premises/Club Premises Applications – Minor Variations	5
Personal Licences	67
Hearings (Licensing Committee/Sub-Committee)	5
Appeals (to Magistrates Court)	0
Temporary Event Notices	180
Reviews of Licences (Licensing Committee/Sub-Committee)	1
Transfers of Premises Licences/Club Premises Certificates	39
Transfers of Designated Premises Supervisors	60

A1.3 The number of applications, being received by the Licensing and Public Protection Team was 25 compared to 35 in the previous 6 months. Only 5 of these were the Minor Variations, while new applications decreased from 9 to 7 and variations increased from 7 to 13. The number of hearings was down from 6 to 5. Overall this is a slight decline in activity to the previous six months.

A1.4 The number of Personal Licences issued increased from 56 to 67. While the number of Temporary Events Notices, showed a decrease from 239 to 180 compared to the last summer period. It still remains the second highest 6 month period to date.

A1.5 There has been no appeals during the period, but one pending. There have been 26 appeals previously, 9 arising from Review decisions with the one still to be heard.

A1.6 There was one expedited Reviews made during the period, which is now subject

to the appeal. There have been 23 Reviews of Premises Licences in total, the majority instigated by The Police.

A1.7 Transfers of Licences and Designated Premises Supervisors variations showed a slight decline in number.

A1.8 The general picture is therefore still a fairly static picture, however with a slight decrease in the total number of licences, which often happens during fee paying time.

## **A2. Risk assessment of preferred option**

### **A2.1 Outline of significant key risks**

There are no risks associated with this report.

## **A3. Options**

A3.1 None. Members cannot change the Officer decisions but need to be appraised of the issues in accordance with the Licensing Policy.

## **A4. Summary of resource implications**

A4.1 There is a fairly static picture, so the income has remained the same.

## **A5. What impact will there be on equalities, environmental sustainability and crime and disorder?**

A5.1 There are no equalities or environmental sustainability implications, however one of the Licensing Objectives is the "Prevention of Crime and Disorder", so the work will have a positive impact on reducing this.

## **A6. Consultation and Customer Focus**

A6.1 There is public consultation on all new and variation applications for a 28 day period.

## **A7. Are there any implications for other Business Units?**

A7.1 There are no significant implications for other Business Units, though the Local Children's Safeguarding Board and several teams within Community Safety are consultees on the applications.

## **Annexes**

None

## **Documents available in members' rooms**

None

## **Background Papers:**

The following documents/files were used to compile this report:

None