

GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE 10 April 2014

Report of the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods

Relaxation of Licensing Hours to Serve Alcohol during the FIFA World Cup 2014 Consultation

SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Government are consulting on the relaxation of licensing hours to serve alcohol during the FIFA World Cup 2014 and have produced a consultation document.
- 1.2 The deadline for responses was 26 March 2014.
- 1.3 The report sets out the response submitted by the Council and is for information only.

RECOMMENDATION

2.1 To note the response submitted by the Council to the Government consultation on the relaxation of licensing hours to serve alcohol during the FIFA World Cup 2014.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3.1 The report is for information only.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 The government recently consulted on whether to relax licensing hours nationally to mark England's participation in the FIFA World Cup 2014.
- 4.2 The consultation sought views on whether or not the Temporary Event Notices system should be used to determine licensing hours locally during the World Cup or whether there should be a national relaxation of licensing hours for all England matches during the World Cup. This would apply to all England matches with a scheduled kick-off time of 8pm or later. It also asked for our opinion on the impact of any relaxation, the duration and geographical extent which any national relaxation of licensing hours for England's matches in the World Cup should apply to.
- 4.3 The consultation period ran between the 13 and 26 March 2014. Because of the short timescales involved in this consultation process, it was not possible to consider a response through the usual licensing policy committee process.

- 4.4 Committee Members views to the consultation questions were sought by email and a corporate response was produced on the basis of a simple majority.
- 4.5 The response submitted by the Council to this consultation is set out for information at Appendix 2.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 Do not provide a response to the consultation. It is important to submit a response so the Council's views are taken in to account.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	Olu Idowu		
Financial officer	-		
Human Resources officer	-		
Estates/Property officer	-		
Service Director(s)	John Tomlinson		
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List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications		
	Appendix 2 – Response to the consultation submitted by Derby City Council		

IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

1.1 None directly arising from the report.

Legal

2.1 None directly arising from the report.

Personnel

3.1 None directly arising from the report.

Equalities Impact

4.1 The outcome of the proposals set out in the consultation will apply equally to all those groups affected by them therefore no particular group(s) will be disadvantaged.

Health and Safety

5.1 None directly arising from the report.

Environmental Sustainability

6.1 None directly arising from the report.

Property and Asset Management

7.1 None directly arising from the report.

Risk Management

8.1 None directly arising from the report.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

9.1 The information set out in this report supports the corporate priorities that the Council provides **good quality services that meet local needs**.

Appendix 2

Response from Derby City Council

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Question 1		
Which of the following statements best reflects your view on the relaxation of licensing hours for		
specific periods during the World Cup in 2014? (Please mark the relevant box with an 'X')		
a) I think that there should be a national relaxation of licensing hours for all England matches during the World Cup.		
b) I think that licensing hours during the World Cup should be a local decision using the existing TEN system.	х	
c) I do not know whether licensing hours should be relaxed nationally or not.		

Question 2

Do you agree or disagree that a national relaxation of licensing hours would contravene one or more of the licensing objectives ((1) crime prevention / (2) public safety / (3) public nuisance / (4) prevention of harm to children)? (Please mark the relevant boxes with an 'X' from the options below)

Licensing Objective	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Don't know
1) Prevention of crime and disorder			Х	
2) Public safety			Х	
3) Prevention of public nuisance			Х	

4) Protection of children from harm		х	

Question 3	
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If licensing hours were to be relaxed nationally during England's World Cup matches, do you th	ink
that this should be for: three, three and a half or four hours after the scheduled kick off time?	
(Please mark the relevant box with an 'X')	
a) Three hours, so that matches which are due to kick off at 8pm would see a relaxation	V
until 11pm and matches due to kick off at 9pm would see a relaxation until 12 midnight.	Х
b) Three and a half, so that matches which are due to kick off at 8pm would see a	
relaxation until 11.30pm and matches which are due to kick off at 9pm would see a	
relaxation until 12.30am.	
c) Four hours, so that matches which are due to kick off at 8pm would see a relaxation	
until 12 midnight and matches which are due to kick off at 9pm see a relaxation until	
1am.	
d) Do not know.	

Question 4

The Licensing Act 2003 applies to both England and Wales. However, a national relaxation of licensing hours could apply to the entire region or to specified areas within it. With this in mind, if licensing hours were to be relaxed nationally during England's matches in the World Cup, do you think that this should be for England and Wales or for England only? Please mark the relevant box with an 'X'.

a) England and Wales	Х
b) England only	

c) Do not know	