



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE**  
**25 MARCH 2009**

# ITEM 6

Report of the Corporate Director of Environmental Services

## **POLYCARBONATE GLASSWARE TRIAL IN LICENSED PREMISES**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1.1 To note the information set out in this report regarding the trial of polycarbonate glassware in licensed premises in the City.
- 1.2 To note the joint working arrangements that are taking place between the various partners involved in this trial.

### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 2.1 During the Christmas period in December 2008, five licensed premises in the City centre were invited to participate in a trial using polycarbonate glassware.
- 2.2 The trial, run jointly between the Council's Licensing Team and Derbyshire Constabulary, looked at reducing the number of glass related injuries sustained through glass cuts to both customers and staff.
- 2.3 The premises that took part in the trial were all situated in Friargate and consisted of Friary/Scream, Varsity, Pitcher & Piano, Fat Cats and Club Mosh. Each of the premises were supplied with 1000 polycarbonate pint glasses, provided using funds obtained by the Council's Licensing Team through the Communities for Health initiative.
- 2.4 There are other benefits of using these glasses as well. They are easier to handle, more durable and, as they are a lot stronger than traditional glass, the cost to the business in breakages should be less.
- 2.5 The premises taking part in the trial have all been asked to provide feedback on the polycarbonate glassware and the comments received back already have been very positive. One premises were so impressed by them, they have informed us of their intention to move completely over to polycarbonate glassware at both of their sites.
- 2.6 If the rest of the comments prove positive, it is hoped that the trial can be extended to include more premises across the City.

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**Background papers:** None  
**List of appendices:** Appendix 1 – Implications

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial**

1. The polycarbonate glasses have been provided by the Council's Licensing Team using Communities for Health funding.

**Legal**

- 2.1 In the majority of cases, the use of polycarbonate glassware by individual premises will be voluntary.
- 2.2 Under the Licensing Act 2003, a Premises Licence holder may choose to adopt the use of polycarbonate glassware in their Operating Schedule which will then become part of their licence conditions.
- 2.3 In the interests of achieving one or more of the four licensing objectives and following information considered at a General Licensing Sub Committee, the Council can attach a condition to a Premises Licence requiring the use of polycarbonate glassware.

**Personnel**

3. None directly arising.

**Equalities Impact**

4. None directly arising.

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

5. The trial of polycarbonate glassware in licensed premises in the City contributes to the corporate objective of **giving excellent services and value for money**.