

LICENSING COMMITTEE 18 January 2018



Report of the Strategic Director of Communities & Place

CONSULTATION: RELAXATION OF LICENSING HOURS FOR THE ROYAL WEDDING

SUMMARY

1.1 The Government proposes to make a licensing hours order to mark the occasion of the Royal wedding of Prince Henry and Meghan Markle in May 2018. Plans have been announced for a relaxation of licensing hours to allow communities to come together to celebrate the event.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 To consider the contents of the consultation document and respond to the questions asked within it.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Under section 172 of the Licensing Act 2003, the Secretary of State can make an order relaxing opening hours for licensed premises to mark the occasion of 'exceptional' international, national or local significance'.
- 3.2 It is likely that many licensed premises will wish to open later over the Royal Wedding weekend to take advantage of the celebrations.
- 3.3 To allow anyone including Licensing Authorities who may be affected by the issuing of an order to give their view on the proposals within the consultation document.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 The wedding of Prince Henry and Magen Markle will take place in May 19 2018. To mark the occasion, the Government have announced plans extend licensing hours to allow communities to come together to celebrate the event.
- 4.2 Under section 172 of the Licensing Act 2003, the Secretary of State can make an order relaxing opening hours for licensed premises to mark the occasion of 'exceptional' international, national or local significance'.

- 4.3 Information relating to the consultation proposal can be found at https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/relaxation-of-licensing-hours-for-the-royal-wedding
- 4.4 To assist in responding to the consultation questions, officers have suggested draft responses which are set out at Appendix 2.

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5.1 None

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	Olu Idowu
Financial officer	n/a
Human Resources officer	n/a
Estates/Property officer	n/a
Service Director(s)	n/a
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

1.1 None directly arising from this report.

Legal

2.1 None directly arising from this report.

Personnel

3.1 None directly arising from this report.

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4.1 None directly arising from this report.

Equalities Impact

5.1 The proposed changes will apply equally to all groups within the community and no particular group(s) will be disadvantaged.

Health and Safety

6.1 None directly arising from this report.

Environmental Sustainability

7.1 None directly arising from this report.

Property and Asset Management

8.1 None directly arising from this report.

Risk Management

9.1 None directly arising from this report.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

10.1 The proposals set out in this report will **deliver better outcomes for our communities**, **more efficient and effective services** and **improved value for money for our customers**.

Appendix 2

CONSULTATION: RELAXATION OF LICENCING HOURS FOR THE ROYAL WEDDING - Proposed Responses to **Consultation Responses** Do you agree that the order should apply to the Yes Q1 sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises? Q2 Do you agree that the order should apply to Yes **England and Wales** Do you agree that the order should extend Yes licensing hours on Friday 18 May 2018 until 0100 the following morning Do you agree that the order should extend Yes licensing hours on Saturday 19 May 2018 until 0100 the following morning If you disagree with the proposal please state why