

Appendix B :

Responses to Coventry City Council Statement of Licensing Consultation April 6 2015 – 28th June 2015

1 Background

- 1.1 The public consultation on the draft Statement of Licensing Policy took place for 12 weeks from 6th April 2015-28th June 2015.
- 1.2 The consultation was extensive and included a range of statutory consultees, stakeholders and local communities.
- 1.3 15 responses were received during the consultation period.
- 1.4 All responses were asked for comments on the draft policy, which have been organised into themes and are presented below.

Theme of comments	Capacity are you responding	Feedback/comments/amendments	Action
Alcohol and Health	Coventry City Council (Public Health)	Prevention of Crime and Disorder Coventry's Director of Public Health will: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support the police by facilitating access to health information such as anonymised A&E data due to alcohol related admissions. E.g. as part of a license review application• Provide trading standards with evidence of the health impact of illicit/ counterfeit alcohol	Appropriate amendments made

		<p>Promotion of Public Safety Coventry's Director of Public Health will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the sharing of health information such as anonymised A&E data with other responsible authorities where it links to public safety • Explore the impact of alcohol related incidents on emergency services such as West Midlands Ambulance Service. <p>Prevention of Public Nuisance Coventry's Director of Public Health will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide evidence on the impact of the health and wellbeing of vulnerable groups such as street drinkers, and the effect this has on anti-social behaviour. <p>Protection of Children From Harm Coventry's Director of Public Health will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage with Coventry Safeguarding Children Board to share relevant information such as data on young people accessing substance misuse services. • Consider the proximity of licensed premises to schools, youth centres, play groups and family centres • Share anonymised A&E data with other responsible authorities relating to young people and alcohol related incidents. 	
Alcohol and Health	Coventry City Council (Public Health)	In line with the principles of the Marmot Review 'Fair Society, Healthy lives' Coventry City Council has agreed to develop common policies to reduce the scale and impact of	Appropriate amendments made

		<p>health inequalities across the city. This includes focussing interventions such as alcohol reduction on reducing the social gradient in health.</p> <p>There is a social gradient in the harms from alcohol consumption, but not in alcohol consumption itself. Quantities and patterns of drinking differ across socio-economic groups, as do harmful outcomes.</p> <p>According to the Marmot Review, those people from more deprived areas who consume alcohol are more likely to have problematic drinking patterns and dependence than those from more affluent areas.</p> <p>Binge drinking in under 18s is associated with deprivation and unemployment is associated with alcohol consumption.</p>	
<p>The protection of Children from Harm</p>	<p>Coventry City Council (Safeguarding Children Board)</p>	<p><u>The protection of children from sexual exploitation</u> References to the protection of children from sexual exploitation have been added to Section 182 guidance, in order to raise awareness and help ensure that licensing authorities have systems in place to protect children from exploitation in licensed premises. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Licensing authorities must also consider the need to protect children from sexual exploitation when undertaking licensing functions”. • “the police should take appropriate steps where the basis for the review is concern about crime and disorder <i>or the sexual exploitation of children.</i>” • “ reviews may arise because of drugs problems at the premises, money laundering by criminal gangs, the sale of contraband or stolen goods, the sale of firearms <i>and</i> 	<p>Appropriate amendments made</p>

		<p><i>the sexual exploitation of children.”</i></p> <p>In line with this and amendments already made to the Draft Policy, I would suggest the following addition - The Licensing Authority will consider the need to protect children from sexual exploitation when undertaking licensing functions.</p>	
Licensing Conditions	Other	Too many licences officiating alcohol with gambling i.e. casinos and betting offices on high streets.	No action required
Operating Hours	Other	Betting offices hours are far too long, this encouraging and enticing younger people in to a dangerous and addictive habit.	No action required
Cumulative Impact	Other	Spiralling Society falling in to debt and lack of principles and morals.	No action required
Enforcement	Other	Lack of resource to enforce any conditions in a meaningful manner.	No action required
Other considerations	Other	The promotion of late night refreshment at nightclubs and pubs encouraging anti-social behaviour and impacts to wider criminality within residential areas. Too many fast food outlets and mobile food vans that flout Health and Safety and Hygiene expectations.	No action required
Enforcement	Licensee	People on the street begging for money or food.	No action required
Operating Hours	Other	I think all corner shops or small shops should have to close one day of the week. Regardless of their opening hours. There should be a fine if they are open 24/7.	No action required