

## **LICENSING ACT STATISTICAL UPDATE**

1. The Licensing Act 2003 is due to be fully implemented on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2005.
2. The period for receiving applications to transfer existing rights ceased on the 6 August 2005. As of this time we had received the following applications.
  - 449 personal applications
  - 284 premises application where alcohol is to be sold
  - 83 premises applications where alcohol is not to be sold
  - 56 applications from club premises.
3. This represented an estimated return of in excess of 95% of those applications that we knew about.
4. Of the above premises 139 premises that sold alcohol sought variations. 3 premises where alcohol is not sold sought variations and 15 clubs sought variations.
5. Since the 6<sup>th</sup> August we have had the following:
  - 24 new personal applications.
  - 21 New applications where alcohol is to be sold
  - 7 new applications where alcohol is not sold
6. This represents a number of premises that either did not comply with the deadlines laid down in the Act or have been visited by officers to remind them of the need to be licensed.
7. As members will be well aware hearings came in thick and fast during the summer. In total we had 42 hearings and officers managed to mediate a settlement on a further 39 applications where representations were made. At the time of writing this report there are only 4 appeals to the Magistrates Courts being processed.
8. There are currently less than a dozen premises identified that may still need a licence, these are predominantly late night take aways/restaurants etc, these premises are currently being contacted by officers.
9. The next stage is to work in conjunction with the Police to ensure enforcement of the new legislation. Councils within the Cambridgeshire area are jointly working on a memorandum of understanding with the Police in order to ensure that clear lines of responsibility are drawn up.
10. The Licensing Act is to be reviewed in February 2006 by the Department of Culture Media and Sport. We will be submitting views when requested.

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