

# WIRRAL COUNCIL

## LICENSING ACT 2003 COMMITTEE

25 MARCH 2015

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE UPDATE</b>
<b>WARD AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ALL WARDS</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION &amp; ENVIRONMENT</b>
<b>KEY DECISION?</b>	<b>NO</b>

### 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Licensing Act 2003 Committee of the number of licences issued and varied under the Licensing Act 2003 since 1 April 2014. The Report also provides details of the number of licences that have been surrendered, lapsed or been subject to Review as well as the number of Temporary Event Notices given to the Licensing Authority since 1 April 2014.

### 2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

2.1 Members are aware that it is the responsibility of the Licensing Authority to administer functions under the Licensing Act 2003 and to promote the following licensing objectives when carrying out its duties:

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder  
Public Safety  
The Prevention of Public Nuisance  
The Protection of Children from Harm

2.2 The four licensing objectives aim to ensure that the carrying on of licensable activities which includes the sale of alcohol and regulated entertainment is done in the public interest. When discharging its functions, the Licensing Authority must have regard to the statutory guidance issued under the Licensing Act 2003 and the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

### 3.0 LICENCES ISSUED

3.1 The table below shows the number of licences issued from 1 April 2014 to 5 March 2015 together with the total number of licences currently in force. The table also shows the number of applications received to vary Licences.

<b>Type of Licence</b>	<b>Granted</b>	<b>Variations</b>	<b>Total current licences</b>
Premises Licences	46	86	951
Club Premises Certificate	0	3	85
Personal Licences	192	n/a	3453

- 3.2 The Premises Licences issued since 1 April 2014 can be found at Appendix 1. Six of the Premises Licences issued were granted to the R & A Championships Limited to facilitate the Open Golf Championship.
- 3.3 A total number of 497 Temporary Event Notices have been given to the Licensing Authority during the period 1 April 2014 to 5 March 2015.
- 3.4 During this financial year commencing 1 April 2014 there have been a total number of 21 applications considered by the Licensing Act 2003 Sub-Committee. These included 15 new Premises Licence applications which were granted, one new Premises Licence which was refused and three variations to Premises Licences which were all granted. This also included an application to Transfer a Premises Licence and an application to change a designated premises supervisor where both applications were refused. A Temporary Event Notice was also listed but was withdrawn during the proceedings and an application for a Personal Licence was refused.
- 3.5 There have been a total number of 30 Premises Licences that have been surrendered or lapsed during the period 1 April 2014 to 5 March 2015. This figure includes the six Premises Licences that lapsed after the Open Golf Championship. These premises can be found at Appendix 2.
- 3.6 There have been two premises which have been subject to review. Details of these reviews are as follows:

<b>Premises</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Nature of Review</b>	<b>Decision</b>
Best One, Brighton Street Wallasey	Merseyside Police	Premises knowingly employing an individual who cannot lawfully be employed in the UK	Conditions imposed and licence suspended for seven days
Old Tavern Club, Magazine Lane, New Brighton	Local Resident	Premises linked to illegal activities and public nuisance and disorder being caused by customers	Hours reduced, conditions imposed and licence suspended for one month

- 3.7 Currently there are three applications to Review Premises Licences received from Merseyside Police which will be considered by the Licensing Act 2003 Sub-Committee during March/April 2015.

#### **4.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

- 4.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

#### **5.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 5.1 There is no provision for other options to be considered.

## **6.0 CONSULTATION**

6.1 Consultation is not required in respect of this report.

## **7.0 OUTSTANDING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ACTIONS**

7.1 There are no previously approved actions outstanding.

## **8.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS**

8.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

## **9.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS**

9.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

## **10.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 A decision of this Committee can be subject to Appeal.

## **11.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality?

No because there is no relevance to equality.

## **12.0 CARBON REDUCTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

12.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

## **13.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

13.1 There are no Planning implications arising from this report.

## **14.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

14.1 That the Licensing Act 2003 Committee note this report.

## **15.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

15.1 That the Licensing Act 2003 Committee are updated on the activity in relation to the administration of functions under the Licensing Act 2003.

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## **APPENDICES**

- Appendix 1 – Premises Licences issued from 1 April 2014 to 5 March 2015
- Appendix 2 - Premises Licences that have been surrendered or lapsed during the period 1 April 2014 to 5 March 2015

**BACKGROUND PAPERS/REFERENCE MATERIAL**

- None

**BRIEFING NOTES HISTORY**

- None

**SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>