

ROYSTON AREA COMMITTEE

28th September 2010

***PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

AGENDA ITEM No.

TITLE OF REPORT: LICENSING POLICY CONSULTATION

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF POLICY, PARTNERSHIPS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To report on issues already raised during the consultation, and offer another opportunity to comment on licensing issues.

2. FORWARD PLAN

- 2.1 This report does not contain a recommendation on a key decision and has not been referred to in the Forward Plan.

3. PROJECT/ACTIVITY/SCHEME DETAILS

- 3.1 The Chairman has already responded with the following points:

3.1.1 Section 17 - Temporary Event Notices for one off events - the 10 day notice rule is often missed. Often a deadline is missed by a couple of days due to weekends or Bank Holiday periods, and the time period required can then become 2 or even nearly 3 weeks.

3.1.2 Confusion sometimes arises as to whether it is necessary to obtain a Temporary Event Notice. This can be simply regarding alcohol (or chocolates containing alcohol) on a raffle table or whether a "donation" is acceptable for a small, local charity, or community fund-raising event. This is a matter of knowledge and awareness by the general public and an "education" issue already discussed with the Town Clerk at Royston Town Council, and it is felt that a presentation by a Licensing Officer would be extremely useful at Town Council and Royston & District Area Committee meetings. A Licensing Officer presence could be advertised and hopefully should attract members of the public.

3.1.3 A general comment is that the laws and policies in force exist to eliminate problems and protect the general public from anti-social behaviour but often cause huge issues for the genuine small community groups seeking to raise funds. Anything that can be done to make things easier has to be a positive move.

- 3.2 Members may wish to consider whether there are any additional issues to raise during the consultation period.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 For Members comments to be recorded and forwarded on to the appropriate officer as part of the consultation process.

5. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 To ensure that the Members' views are represented.

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