

LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
14 October 2010

REBALANCING THE LICENSING ACT
(Chief Officer : Environment and Public Protection)

1 INTRODUCTION

The Home Office issued a consultation paper "Rebalancing the Licensing Act" on 28 July 2010, with a closing date of 8 September 2010. Officers working with members of the Licensing and Safety Committee drew up a response to the consultation.

2 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1. The Home Office Minister in his forward to this consultation said "The Government believes that the Licensing Act is due an overhaul and that through this the power to make licensing decisions needs to be rebalanced in favour of local communities".
- 2.2. A copy of the consultation document is attached to the report as Appendix A.
- 2.3. Officers have considered the questions asked and have sought and received comments from members of this Committee. The comments received have been incorporated within a response which was approved by the Chair of the Committee and sent to the Home Office on 7 September. A copy of this joint member / officer response is attached to the report as Appendix B.

3 IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 3.1 There are no implications arising from this report.

4 STRATEGIC RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 4.1 There are no strategic risk management implications arising from this report.

Background Papers

Rebalancing the Licensing act – Home Office –July 2010

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