

**TO: LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
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**POLICE REFORM AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT**  
**Chief Officer: Environment and Public Protection**

**1 INTRODUCTION**

At the last Committee on 12 January members received an update on the provisions of the above Act which received Royal assent in September 2011. The purpose of this report is to update members on progress with the implementation of the Act.

**2 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

2.1 The Home Office towards the end of January announced that it was intended that enabling legislation would be provided on 6 April 2012 commencement date to introduce the following:

1. Licensing Authorities and Primary Health Boards to be Responsible Authorities.
2. Removal of the "vicinity" requirement for interested parties to make representation.
3. Reducing the evidential burden by replacement of the word "necessary" with "appropriate" when a Licensing Panel is considering which conditions should be applied to a licence.
4. Temporary Events Notices – this includes the provision for Environmental Health to be a Responsible Authority alongside the Police and able to object to such applications. This change will also introduce longer periods for Temporary Events Notices to operate and increase the number permitted within a year for a premise.
5. Fees – the provision to allow a Local Authority to suspend a licence for non payment of the annual fee will be introduced.
6. Persistent sales of alcohol to children – this will introduce a maximum fine of £20,000 and immediate closure notices issued by the Police for up to 14 days.

2.2 The guidance under Section 182 of the Licensing Act will be modified to reflect these new provisions and released before or on the implementation of these changes.

2.3 The proposals for the following:

- Early morning restriction orders
- Late night levy
- Repeal of Alcohol Disorder Zones
- Setting of licence fees at a local level

will not be introduced until at least the Parliament commencement date of October 2012.

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