

**To the Chair and Members of the
LICENSING COMMITTEE**

LICENSING ACT 2003 – UPDATE REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to update Members on issues relating to the Licensing Act 2003

EXEMPT REPORT

2. Not applicable

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. It is recommended that Members note:
 - a) The Statement of Licensing Policy 2011 came into effect on the 7th January 2011.
 - b) Doncaster Council are highly commended at the Responsible Drinks Retailing conference 2010.

BACKGROUND

4. Following the triennial review, the Statement of Licensing Policy 2011, as presented to the Committee on the 4th November 2010, was approved for adoption by Council on the 29th November 2010 and came into effect on the 7th January 2011.
5. Doncaster Council has won a “Highly Commended” award at the prestigious Responsible Drinks Retailing Awards in London. The award, in the Local Authority of the Year category, was in recognition of the numerous initiatives that the Council run to promote and develop a responsible drinks retailing environment throughout the borough.
6. Some of the initiatives highlighted were the Best Bar None (BBN) awards scheme, which works with licensees to ensure the safe and responsible management of pubs and bars across the borough. Also mentioned was the Responsible Retailer Awards (RRA), which has worked with Off-Licenses for the past eleven years to help prevent under-aged sales. Training offered through both these schemes was also praised, in particular a new course called The Essentials of Responsible Alcohol Retailing. This new course, which is aimed at anyone involved in the sale of alcohol, has been jointly developed by BBN and RRA and is currently going through an accreditation process to allow it to be used throughout the country.

7. Also mentioned were improvements made to taxi ranking and making taxis safer through the installation of CCTV and Doncaster Council's close links with South Yorkshire Police and Pubwatch.
8. Now in its seventh year, the Responsible Drinks Retailing Awards and Conference have become established as the most credible initiative for the drinks industry. Participating in the awards provides a platform to promote our efforts, reward the team and highlight our achievements.
9. The RDR conference and Awards took place on Wednesday 10th November 2010.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

10. N/A

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

11. N/A

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OBJECTIVES

12. The effective operation of the Licensing Authority is a key part of the Council's statutory responsibility.

Doncaster Priorities	Implications of this initiative
A Prosperous Place	Licensing of premises can be dealt with in all circumstances.
Skills & Lifelong Learning	
Healthy & Caring	
Safer, Cleaner & Greener	
Equality of Opportunity (Cross-Cutting)	
Improving Neighbourhoods Together (Cross-cutting)	
Protecting The Environment (Cross- cutting)	
Achieving Excellence	

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

13. N/A

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

14. There are no legal implications associated with this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

15. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

CONSULTATION

16. N/A

This report has significant implications in terms of the following:

Procurement		Crime & Disorder	X
Human Resources		Human Rights & Equalities	
Buildings, Land and Occupiers		Environment & Sustainability	
ICT		Capital Programme	

BACKGROUND PAPERS

17. Statement of Licensing Policy 2011 available at www.doncaster.gov.uk/licensing

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