

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE – 10 MARCH 2011

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

LICENSING IMPLICATIONS OF ROYAL WEDDING

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

Purpose/Summary of Report

To inform members about waiver of licensing restrictions in alcohol licensed premises on 29 – 30 April 2011.

RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION – that the report be received

1.0 Background

1.1 This report presents information about the relaxation of licensing restrictions on 29 and 30 April 2011, and some ancillary information about road closures for street parties.

2.0 Report

2.1 The Home Office held a public consultation between 12 and 26 January to seek the views of the public on whether the usual restrictions on alcohol licenses should be relaxed on the evenings of Friday 29 April, and Saturday 30 April 2011, to facilitate extended public celebration of the royal wedding scheduled to take place on 29 April.

2.2 The weight of public opinion from respondents was indifferent or opposed to the relaxation of restriction; approximately two thirds of respondents were against relaxing restrictions, and approximately one third were in favour.

2.3 The Government has chosen to relax the licensing restrictions on these two evenings, and additional permitted hours for alcohol sales will be allowed on alcohol licensed premises until 1 a.m. both evenings.

2.4 East Herts Council may receive a few applications for Temporary Event Notices in respect of Street Parties. However, the majority of

these are expected to be informal, without the supply of alcohol or regulated entertainment. Street parties may require temporary road closures, and there could have been an administrative burden in respect of these. However, following negotiations with Hertfordshire County Council, all the road closures for street parties to celebrate this event will be administered by the County Council.

3.0 Implications/Consultations

3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

Background Papers

Report on consultation (Home Office)

Contact Member: Councillor Malcolm Alexander – Executive Member for Community Safety and Protection

Contact Officer: Brian Simmonds – Head of Community Safety and Licensing – Extn 1498

Report Author: Paul Newman – Interim Licensing Manager

ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives <i>(delete as appropriate)</i> :	Promoting prosperity and well-being; providing access and opportunities <i>Enhance the quality of life, health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities, particularly those who are vulnerable.</i>
Consultation:	This report is for information on the results of Home Office public consultation, and no further consultation has taken place.
Legal:	No issues identified by report author or contact officer
Financial:	No issues identified by report author or contact officer
Human Resource:	No issues identified by report author or contact officer
Risk Management:	No issues identified by report author or contact officer