

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE – 3 NOVEMBER 2011

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

10. RELAXATION OF ALCOHOL LICENSING HOURS FOR THE QUEEN'S
DIAMOND JUBILEE

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

Purpose/Summary of Report

To inform Members about Home Office Consultation on relaxation of licensing restrictions in alcohol licensed premises 1st to 5th June 2012, and to seek Member's views for a response:

<u>RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION:</u> that
A The report be received.

1.0 Background

1.1 This report presents information about a consultation on the proposed relaxation of licensing restrictions on 1st to 5th June 2012.

2.0 Report

2.1 The Home Office is holding a public consultation ending on 1st December 2011 to seek the views of the public on whether the usual restrictions on alcohol licenses should be relaxed on evenings from Friday 1st June, and Tuesday 5 June 2011, to facilitate extended public celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

2.2 The Government proposes to relax the licensing restrictions on two evenings, to allow additional permitted hours for alcohol sales until 1 am. both evenings.

2.3 The Government seeks views on whether the two evenings for extended sales should be different to those proposed.

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

Essential Reference Paper B – Consultation: Relaxation of Licensing Hours for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee (Home Office).

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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:	Please see Background Paper.
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