

THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA
LICENSING COMMITTEE – 15 FEBRUARY 2017
REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
LICENSING ALCOHOL STRATEGY 2017 - 2020

INTRODUCTION

This report is submitted in order that Members consider the Royal Borough's updated Licensing Alcohol Strategy 2017 - 2020

FOR DECISION

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Licensing Act 2003 became effective in October 2005 and, over the past 11 years, one of the roles that the Licensing Authority has taken on is that of a co-ordinating body identifying 'problem licensed premises' and tackling alcohol related crime, disorder and nuisance in the Royal Borough.
- 1.2 The Royal Borough originally approved the 2013 – 2015 Licensing Alcohol Strategy in April 2013. This updated strategy has taken into consideration changes within the borough over the last 4 years and changes within the local night time economy.

2. THE ALCOHOL LICENSING STRATEGY

- 2.1 The Alcohol Licensing Strategy, embedded as Appendix A at the end of this report, outlines the four objectives the Licensing Team, working with its partner agencies, has for the next three years. These four objectives are as follows:
- i) Better use of Intelligence from Reported Incidents
 - ii) Supporting our Businesses and Regeneration in the Borough
 - iii) Regulation and Enforcement
 - iv) Improving Public Health

These objectives are all aimed at reducing alcohol related harm, whether that is physical harm, crime or nuisance.

2.2 The strategy complements the borough's **Statement of Licensing Policy** and provides a strategic, proactive, holistic framework for officers to work from, based on strategic intelligence rather than ad-hoc complaints. All intelligence collected will be analysed in order that the efforts of Local Authority officers will be better directed and solutions to problem premises, and areas, will be achieved. It also provides a platform for wider working partnerships to operate to reduce any alcohol related harm in the borough and, indeed, cross borough into Hammersmith and Fulham where relevant.

2.2 In order to assist in achieving the objectives laid out in the Alcohol Licensing Strategy, the Licensing Authority created a Responsible Authority Action Group (RAAG) in early 2013. The group meets on a monthly basis to discuss operational matters, and once every three months to discuss strategic issues.

2.3 The RAAG membership consists of representatives from the following:

The Licensing Team

The Metropolitan Police

The Noise and Nuisance Team

Trading Standards

Waste Management

Community Safety Team

Director of Public Health

The London Fire Authority

The Planning Department

The crime analyst from the Community Safety Team provides an analytical report with details of all crime and anti-social behaviour linked to licensed premises each month. This report, coupled with intelligence from the other RAAG members, forms the basis of any intensive action taken by the licensing team and its partners.

Each organisation has signed a Memorandum of Understanding which is embedded at the end of this report as Appendix B.

3. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Comments from the Legal Department have been incorporated into this report and the Strategy document

4. NOISE AND NUISANCE TEAM IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Noise and Nuisance Team have no additional comments to make.

5. COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Comments from the Community Safety Team have been incorporated into this report and the Strategy document.

6. WASTE MANAGEMENT TEAM IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The Waste Management Team have no additional comments to make.

7. TRADING STANDARDS TEAM IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Comments from the Trading Standards Team have been incorporated into this report and the Strategy document.

8. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

8.1 Comments from the Director of Public Health have been incorporated into this report and the Strategy document.

9. PLANNING DEPARTMENT IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The Planning Department have no additional comments to make

10. METROPOLITAN POLICE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 The Metropolitan Police have no additional comments to make.

11. EQUALITIES IMPACT

11.1 The Council, when taking decisions in relation to any of its functions, must comply with its public sector equality duty as set out in s149 of the Equality Act 2010 (the Act). Section 149 provides that the Council must in the exercise of its functions have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act, advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a protected characteristic and persons who do not share it and foster good relations between persons who share a protected characteristic and persons who do not share it. The Council is confident that the Alcohol Licensing Strategy will not disadvantage any group with protected characteristics.

12. RECOMMENDATIONS

12.1 Officers recommend that Members approve the attached Alcohol Licensing Strategy for the years 2017 – 2020.

FOR DECISION

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Local Government Act 2000

Background Papers used in the preparation of this Report:

No.	Description of Background Papers	Name/Ext of holder of file /copy	Department / Location
1.	N/A	N/A	N/A

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List of Appendices

Appendix A

Alcohol Licensing Strategy 2017 – 2020



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Strategy 2017-2020.doc

Appendix B

Responsible Authority Action Group (RAAG) Memorandum of
Understanding 2014



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