

**LICENSING ACT 2003  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND JOINT ENFORCEMENT  
PROTOCOL  
(Report by the Licensing Officer)**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of the preparation of a Memorandum of Understanding and Joint Enforcement Protocol which was recommended in guidance issued by the Secretary of State under Section 182 of the Licensing Act
- 1.2 The guidance recommends that licensing authorities should establish protocols with the police on enforcement issues to provide a more efficient deployment of officers of both the licensing authority and the police on enforcement and inspection. The protocol should provide for the targeting of agreed problems and high risk premises whilst giving a lighter touch to low risk and well run premises. Inspections should not be undertaken routinely but only when they are judged necessary with the principle of risk assessment and targeting being the aim.

**2. INFORMATION**

- 2.1 Following meetings between officers of the Cambridgeshire licensing authorities, police, fire and trading standards, a Memorandum of Understanding and Joint Enforcement Protocol (Appendix A) has been prepared as a draft document. The group is due to meet with Chief Superintendent Phillipson who has been tasked by the Chief Constable in taking the document forward.

**3. CONCLUSION**

- 3.1 The document will clearly need more time devoted to it before it is agreed by all parties. However the comments of the Committee would be welcome on the draft proposals.

**Background papers**

Licensing Act, 2003  
Guidance under 182 of the Licensing Act, 2003.

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