

**ALCOHOL, ENTERTAINMENT AND LATE NIGHT REFRESHMENT
LICENSING
(Report by Licensing Manager)**

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) has a responsibility to compile a National Statistics bulletin on alcohol, entertainment and late night refreshment under the Licensing Act 2003.
- 1.2 The latest statistical information required by DCMS was for the period 1st April 2007 until 31st March 2008. Data was required for the number of licences and certificates in force and applications received during that period.

2. Current Situation

- 2.1 The data collected by the Licensing Section on behalf of the DCMS is contained in Annex A attached.

The bands referred to in question 1a relate to the rateable value bands on which fees are based. The premises licences in question 1b are exempted from paying fees under the Act because they do not authorise the sale of alcohol and relate to educational establishments or a village hall or similar location.

The statistics provide a useful overview of the scale of the impact of the Licensing Act in Huntingdonshire. As at the end of March there were 681 licences and certificates in force, of which 543 were authorised to sell or supply alcohol. Of these only 3, all of which are supermarkets, are permitted to remain open for 24 hours per day. In addition 532 valid temporary events notices were received in 2007/08 which permit events of up to 96 hours duration and a maximum attendance of 500 people. The number of personal licences in force grew in the year by 18% to 1047 but as a licence is valid nationwide, this does not present an accurate reflection of the number of personal licence holders who currently are actively authorising alcohol sales in Huntingdonshire.

3. Recommendation

It is recommended

that Members note the contents of this report.

Background Papers:

Nil

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