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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Title</b></p>	<p><b>Licensing Authority – review of the impact of premises licences and the sale and supply of alcohol on the London Borough of Barnet.</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Report of</b></p>	<p>Strategic Director Growth &amp; Environment</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Status</b></p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Enclosures</b></p>	<p>Appendix 1 – Report on the impact of alcohol in Barnet</p>
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<b>Summary</b>
<p>This is a report on the impact of premises licences granted under the Licensing Act 2003, and the impact that the sale and supply of alcohol is having on the London Borough of Barnet.</p>

<b>Recommendations</b>
<p><b>1. That the Licensing committee consider and note the following report.</b></p>

**1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED**

The Licensing Act 2003 makes the Council the Licensing Authority for licensing the sale of alcohol, the provision of regulated entertainment and late night refreshment in pubs, off-licences, clubs and restaurants in the Borough. There are approximately 1,000 licensed premises within the London Borough of Barnet.

The four licensing objectives are:

- Prevention of Crime & Disorder
- Prevention of public nuisance
- Protection of children from harm
- Public Safety

The Development and Regulatory Services (DRS) enforcement policy emphasises how the DRS will deliver enforcement functions in a way which enables economic growth for compliant businesses and other regulated entities, by:

- minimising the negative economic impacts of regulatory activities;
- minimising the costs of compliance for duty holders;
- improving confidence in compliance for duty holders; and
- encouraging and promoting compliance.

In the past 12 months, the Licensing Department has been looking at the most effective way to ensure compliance with the Licensing Act 2003 and to minimise the negative impact of alcohol within the London Borough of Barnet.

In early 2014, an intelligence analyst was employed by Regional Enterprise Limited to support regulatory services in relation to enforcement and compliance. This resource has been utilised by the licensing team to review the impact of alcohol in Barnet and to look to the most effective and efficient way of dealing with it. In particular the licensing team has adopted the national intelligence model in relation to compliance and enforcement work.

In September 2014 the Licensing team helped launch a joint tasking group (JTaG) with a focus on intelligent, effective and efficient cross department working. The JTaG reports to the London Borough of Barnet Anti-Social Behaviour Board and brings together the following departments:

- Regulatory Services (including Licensing, Trading Standards and environmental health),
- Metropolitan police,
- Community safety
- Public health.

The report attached in Appendix 1 was created at the request of the JTaG so that all departments can make decisions on how to prioritise issues and how to best use resources on a clear evidential basis.

## **2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

Attached at Appendix 1 is the report created for the JTaG. There have been a number of recent applications that have raised concerns in relation to the proliferation of licensed premises. By considering and noting this report the licensing committee will have a clear understanding of the current situation and impact of licensed premises to enable Councillors to have a better understanding of the background in relation to sales and supply of alcohol within Barnet.

## **3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED**

Not applicable in the context of the report

## **4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION**

Not applicable in the context of the report

## **5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION**

### **5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance**

This report supports the priority of a “successful London suburb” by ensuring that only legal, well regulated licensable activity occurs within the borough

### **5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**

Administration and enforcement of the relevant Acts are carried out by the Licensing team, together with support from Legal Services and from Governance Services, when arranging and co-ordinating arrangements for hearings where there are objections. There are no additional costs associated with this work.

### **5.3 Legal and Constitutional References**

The Licensing Act 2003 placed the responsibility for making local licensing policies and considering applications for licenses on local authorities acting as licensing authorities. This function is undertaken by the Licensing Sub-Committee under delegation from the Licensing Committee (the Committee) Annex A of the Council’s constitution . Constitution Part 3, Section 2, details the functions of the Licensing Committee.

### **5.4 Risk Management**

It is prudent to ensure that the Licensing Committee are well informed in relation to the impact of licensed premises within the London Borough of Barnet

**5.5 Equalities and Diversity**

The Council has a legal obligation under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 to have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination and to promote equality of opportunity and good relations between persons of different groups. By adopting an intelligence based enforcement and compliance approach helps ensure that there is no bias in relation to these activities

**5.6 Consultation and Engagement**

Not applicable in the context of this report

**6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Council decision of the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011 to adopt the current Licensing Policy and the associated scheme of delegation

<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/Data/Licensing%20Committee/201012141800/Agenda/Document%202.pdf>