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title: COMPLIANCE CHECKS ON OFF-LICENCES
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To inform Committee of the outcome of visits to off-licences in the Ribble Valley to monitor their compliance with legislation.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities

- Community Objectives }
- Corporate Priorities } Consideration of these issues will promote the Council's aim to be a well-managed Council
- Other Considerations }

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Members will recall that the Council has now appointed 2 full time officers to work in licensing and planning enforcement. This increase in resources has enabled the Council to carry out further compliance checks at licensed premises.

2.2 Visits have been carried out to off-licensed premises in the borough to establish their levels of compliance with licensing legislation, and to remind them of the requirements of their licences.

3 ISSUES

3.1 Visits were carried out to 25 premises in the Ribble Valley. This included branches of supermarkets, smaller enterprises and shops attached to petrol stations. Whilst the majority of visits were in Clitheroe and Longridge, checks were also carried out in Whalley, Mellor, Read, Sabden and similar communities.

3.2 The purpose of the visits was to check issues such as staff training, Check 25 and Challenge posters, and to ensure that the premises licence was current, correct and on display. Businesses were also alerted to concerns about fake ID and parents purchasing alcohol for their children. Posters and other literature were distributed where required.

3.3 The vast majority of premises checked were of a satisfactory standard. Three premises were requested to display their licence, and some others needed to make minor changes to their licence. One business has engaged a licensing company to audit and manage staff training. Three premises have been advised of apparent gaps in their training and recording systems. These premises will be revisited at a later date to monitor their actions.

3.4 In general, the visits were welcomed by the premises licence holders, who appreciated the advice and support.

4 **CONCLUSION**

4.1 Committee is requested to note the report.

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