

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO LICENSING COMMITTEE

meeting date: TUESDAY, 21 MARCH 2023
 title: RELAXATION OF LICENSING HOURS FOR THE CORONATION
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To inform Committee of the relaxation of licensing hours on 5, 6 and 7 May 2023.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Community Objectives – }
 - Corporate Priorities – }
 - Other Considerations – }
- The Council aims to be a well-managed authority. These proposals support that objective.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Government considers that the coronation of King Charles III is an event of exceptional national importance. On 19 December 2022, it launched a consultation to seek views on whether to relax licensing hours across England and Wales in accordance with Section 172 of the Licensing Act 2003. The consultation closed on 23 January 2023. This consultation included the public, responsible authorities' representatives and trade organisations.

2.2 The Government proposal was for extension of licensing hours for licensed premises and clubs during the celebration period, being 5 May 2023 to 8 May 2023. Provision was to be made for any licensed premises or clubs which would normally be open for licensed activities until or after 11.00pm (but closed before 1.00am) to remain open until 1.00am, if so desired, on each of 5 May, 6 May and 7 May 2023 (ie Friday, Saturday and Sunday night extensions, concluding the following morning). The extensions would only apply to sales and supply for on-site consumption, and late-night food premises may only remain open if they are also licensed to sell or supply alcohol for consumption on the premises at the specified times.

3 ISSUES

3.1 The Government has not published the response to the consultation at the time of preparation of this report (7 March 2023). However, it is reported that 77% of the public were in favour of the longer opening, and the Home Secretary has announced that there is to be a licensing hours order for the celebration period, in the terms stated in 2.2 above.

3.2 A draft licensing hours order in those terms was laid before Parliament on 6 March 2023, for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament under Section 197(4) of the Licensing Act 2003.

3.3 Subject to such approval, the order will be made. The Government considers that 1.00am is an acceptable cut-off time. Premises which do not fall within the

categories mentioned in 2.2 above, or premises which are within the categories and wish to extend their hours further, would need to apply for a Temporary Event Notice.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:

- Resources – No implications identified.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal - No implications identified.
- Political – No implications identified.
- Reputation – No implications identified.
- Equality & Diversity – No implications identified.

5 CONCLUSION

5.1 Committee is asked to note the contents of the report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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