

4. DRAFT ALCOHOL POLICY DOCUMENT

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The purpose of this report is to approve the release for public consultation on the attached Discussion Document for a Proposed Alcohol Policy for Christchurch City Council.

BACKGROUND

The Council resolved in November 2002 to undertake the preparation of an holistic draft alcohol policy for consultation with stakeholders. The matter was considered at a seminar in March 2003 and agreement was reached on the general coverage of such a document to be released as a discussion document.

A Council seminar was held on the 6 May 2003 to discuss the document. Representatives from some stakeholder organisations attended the discussions. The attached discussion document reflects some of the matters raised at that meeting by Councillors.

DISCUSSION

It was agreed at the May 2003 meeting to commence the consultation process by making the discussion document available for comment to the following stakeholders and to members of the public through the Have Your Say web site.

The stakeholders who will be provided directly with the document are set out below.

- All holders of Sale of Liquor licences
- Alcoholic Liquor Advisory Council
- Canterbury District Health Board
- Chartered Clubs Association
- Child Youth and Family
- Christchurch School of Medicine and Health Sciences
- Community and Public Health (Medical Officer of Health)
- Healthy Christchurch
- He Oranga Pounamu
- Hospitality Association of New Zealand (Canterbury Branch)
- New Zealand Police
- Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu
- Sports Clubs Association of New Zealand
- Safer Christchurch

It is proposed that the closing date for submissions be 14 July 2003. Where submissions need to be heard this would occur in July by a subcommittee of the Regulatory and Consents Committee. The Subcommittee would then report to the Committee at its meeting in September 2003. Under the Local Government Act a further consultation period of at least one month would be necessary before adoption of the policy by the Council.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the discussion document be sent to the above stakeholders and made available for public consultation with a closing date for submissions of the 14 July 2003.
 2. That a subcommittee of three members of the Regulatory and Consents Committee be appointed to hear submissions on the draft Policy and make recommendations to the committee.