

## 1. ADOPTION OF REPORT ANNUAL REPORT TO LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The Sale of Liquor Act 1989 (the Act), section 105, requires every District Licensing Agency (DLA) to prepare and send to the Liquor Licensing Authority (LLA) a report of the District Licensing Agency's proceedings and operations during the year, no later than three months after the end of every financial year. The LLA advises the DLA of the annual report format and the information required in the report. The annual report (**attached**) has followed the required report format.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. This report is required to be submitted to cover the year July 2007 to June 2008. This has proved to be a year in which the community and the media have focused a great deal of attention on alcohol both from a licensing perspective and from a liquor abuse perspective.
3. As a result, in the latter part of the year and in particular immediately following the period that this report covers, it has been announced by the Government that there may be significant changes to the Act and accordingly some comments on this have been included in this report.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

#### **Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?**

4. The submissions as recommended have no significant financial implications for the Council.

### LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

#### **Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?**

5. Yes. Pursuant to the Act, section 105 (1), requires every DLA to prepare and send to the LLA a report of the DLA's proceedings and operations during the year no later than three months after the end of every financial year.
6. Subsection (2) of section 105 requires the DLA to supply a copy of each such report to any person who requests it on payment of such reasonable fee as the Authority or Agency may prescribe.

### ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

#### **Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?**

7. Yes. The submission detailed supports the Council's Regulatory Services activities, which includes assessing the potential effects of sale of liquor licences (page 145 of the LTCCP, level of service under Regulatory Services).

### ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

#### **Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?**

8. Yes the recommendations link to the Council's Safer Christchurch Strategy's aim of alcohol becoming a less significant cause of crime and injury.

### CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

9. No external consultation has been carried out, but internal consultation between the Inspections and Enforcement Unit, Strategy and Planning Unit, Legal Services and the Alcohol Policy and Liquor Control Bylaw Sub-Committee, has taken place.

10. A point of interest that the Regulatory and Planning Committee may care to note, is the view expressed on page 3 of the Annual Report, relating to raising the age to 20 years of age for purchase liquor from an Off Licence. It is the view of the Liquor Licensing Team that raising the age limit will have a positive impact on reducing the levels of intoxication and disorder in the city, as research indicates that 70 per cent of all liquor sales are from Off Licence premises. Raising the age limit will restrict the availability of cheap alcohol to young people from Off Licence premises.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Council adopt the **attached** 2007/2008 Annual Report to the Liquor Licensing Authority, pursuant to Section 105 of the Sale of Liquor Act 1989.

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) Adopt the **attached** 2007/2008 Annual Report to the Liquor Licensing Authority, as amended, pursuant to Section 105 of the Sale of Liquor Act 1989, subject to item (b) below.
- (b) The clause reading "The agency is of the opinion that the availability and cheap price of liquor via Off Licences is the major contributor. The agency would have liked to have seen a proposal in the Sale and Supply of Liquor and Liquor Enforcement Bill raising the age to 20 years of age for purchase from an Off License as this may have had a major positive impact in this area" being considered separately.