

4. SALE OF LIQUOR POLICY DOCUMENT

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The purpose of this report is to outline a strategy and time-frame for preparation of a Christchurch City Council Sale of Liquor Policy Document.

BACKGROUND

The present document is essentially an administrative document prepared some years ago.

While the present document covers many of the day-to-day administrative matters it is timely that the document is updated to reflect current thinking, particularly since the amendment to the Act in 1999 when Sunday trading, lowering of the purchase age, and sale of beer in supermarkets was permitted.

It is considered the new document should include a much wider purvey of the 'liquor' scene and address perhaps a more holistic community view. The present document has concentrated merely on the provisions of the Sale of Liquor Act alone without appreciation of a bigger picture.

There may also be the view within Council that the various business unit operation policy aspects should be kept separate, eg youth, traffic etc. From an overall administration view this is probably understandable and it is considered that it should continue. However, given that in more recent times the need to more regularly meet and discuss a range of issues (ie age debate, youth drinking, inner city security, drink and drive implications) a lack of integration and inter-relation seems to appear. In policy terms this suggests that a more far reaching all embracing policy document would be of greater value. This is not to infer that a 'super' liquor team needs to be established merely to formulate policy so that all involved are aware of all the inter-related matters.

The document could be compartmentalised into yet to be determined and/or agreed parts.

To achieve these ends a collaborative approach is suggested, and therefore there will be a need to establish a process that identifies the appropriate stakeholders and consultation process. It is envisaged that a working group be formed to carry out this task and it could include elected members and staff from the Policy Directorate, Youth Advocacy and Environmental Services Unit – Sale of Liquor Section.

It is acknowledged that while the creation of such a document will require considerable work, it is hoped that the following process and time-line will be achieved:

Process	Completed by	Progress Report to Committee
1. Establish the working group		
2. Establish and prepare scope of document		
3. Establish stakeholders	August/September	13 September 2002
4. Preparation of discussion document		
5. Consultation with stakeholders		
6. Preparation of 'rough' draft	September/October	4 October 2002
7. Firm up draft to final draft stage	October/November	8 November 2002
8. Ratification of final draft for submission to council		29 November 2002

Staff

Recommendation: That a Working Group be established of elected members and appropriate staff to formulate a Christchurch City Council Liquor Policy for completion on the time-line as detailed in this report.

Chairman's

- Recommendation:**
1. That the working group of elected members and staff consider the timeline and process the preparation of the Christchurch City Council Liquor Policy and bring that back to the September meeting of the Regulatory and Consents Committee for adoption.
 2. That Councillor's Wells, Cox, Keast, Ganda and Withers be elected on to the working group.