

**ALCOHOL POLICY AND LIQUOR CONTROL BYLAW SUBCOMMITTEE  
22 SEPTEMBER 2008**

**A meeting of the Alcohol Policy and Liquor Control Bylaw Subcommittee  
was held on Monday 22 September 2008 at 9am**

- PRESENT:** Councillor Sue Wells (Chairperson)  
Councillors Helen Broughton, Sally Buck, Ngaire Button, Yani Johanson,  
Bob Shearing, Mike Wall (to 10.30am) and Chrissie Williams.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor Norm Withers
- APOLOGY:** An apology for absence was received and accepted from  
Councillor Claudia Reid.

**1. ALCOHOL POLICY AND LIQUOR CONTROL BYLAW MATTERS**

**Draft Christchurch City Council Alcohol-Free Public Places Bylaw 2009**

The Subcommittee had been provided with a draft bylaw which was complete except for the details of the areas specifically suggested for possible bans to apply, as well as accompanying maps.

To assist in the discussion, Teena Caygill outlined some of the issues that had arisen, including:

- Local Government Act provisions
- Consumption, position and carrying of alcohol in bottles
- Regulation of the use of vehicles
- 'Public place' definition
- Exclusion of matters relating to the transport of liquor
- Police powers
- The big picture designed to reduce alcohol harm
- The bylaw is a tool to improve safety
- Restrictions must be reasonable
- Internal consultation had been carried out by the team comprising Council staff, the police and solicitors

The Subcommittee was advised that it had been assumed there was a need for a bylaw of this nature and this was the reason as to why there was a draft bylaw presented.

The opportunity was then taken to go through the proposed draft bylaw clause by clause, with comments being made as follows:

**Short Title and Commencement**

- The title needs to be clear
- The use of the word 'Control' would be better than that of 'Free'
- There was no guidance as to whether it was relative to permanent as opposed to temporary in areas
- What was the process (decision-making) for implementing temporary bans
- Was there provision for residents to seek a new ban area
- Process charts should be included
- How long could a temporary ban last for?
- What was the rationale for including clause 5(3)-Declaration of Temporary Alcohol-Free Area
- What are the signage requirements
- What are the notification requirements
- The definition of temporary as opposed to short-term
- The situation relating to annual events – were they permanent or temporary?
- The situation relating to unopened bottles or containers of alcohol
- The ability to transfer alcohol from one residence to another within the four avenues

The meeting was adjourned at 11am and was to continue on 24 September 2008.