

Licensing of Alcohol & Entertainment

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General Principles

- Local Council – Licensing Authority
- More accessible process
- Individuals and Premises are Licensed
 - No specified hours
- New powers to review a premises licence

Licensing Objectives

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- The prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of children from harm

New Applications and Variations

Copies of application to:

- Licensing Authority (Licensing Team of TWBC)
- Police
- Fire
- Environmental Health TWBC (Health & Safety & Noise)
- Planning TWBC
- Social Services (KCC)

Plus

- Site Notice
- Public Notice a local newspaper

Making a Representation

To the Licensing Team

- In writing
- People living in the vicinity
- Within 28 days of application being made
- Make reference to 1 or more of the Licensing Objectives
- Evidence based comments

Licensing Sub-Committee

- 3 Councillor panel
- Convened as necessary
- Application and Representations considered
- Evidenced based
- Decisions can be appealed to the Magistrates' Court

Key issue

The Sub-Committee is not there to represent the views of the public but to consider both the application and representations

Review of a Premises Licence

Can be requested by:

- Interested Parties
- Responsible Authorities

But must not be vexatious, frivolous or
repetitious

And

A reasonable period of time must have
passed

“Its Not a 2nd bite of the cherry”

Valid request for a Review

Follows a similar process to a new application or variation

- Views sought from all Responsible Authorities
- Site Notice
- Public Advert
- Representations can be made by people in the vicinity of the premises
- Licensing Sub-Committee Hearing

Further information

- TWBC and DCMS websites (click links below)
 - TWBC www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/licensing
 - DCMS www.culture.gov.uk/alcohol_and_entertainment/
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- information and advice
 - List of applications
- In the future
- Details of individual licences
 - Details of request for reviews