

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO LICENSING COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No 8

meeting date: 22 MARCH 2011
title: THE LICENSING ACT (ROYAL WEDDING LICENSING HOURS) ORDER
2011
submitted by: CHIEF EXECUTIVE
principal author: DIANE RICE

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform Committee about amendments to the licensing hours on the 29 and 30 April 2011.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Secretary of State considers that the marriage of His Royal Highness, Prince William to Miss Catherine Middleton on 29 April 2011 is an event of exceptional national significance.
- 2.2 In consequence, a consultation exercise was carried out by the Home Secretary to consider whether or not licensing hours should be extended.
- 2.3 The consultation was published on the department's website for a shortened period of two weeks from 12 January to 26 January 2011. Consultation responses were mixed, however the Home Secretary considered that the concerns expressed did not represent the view of the majority of people and therefore the Order was made.

3 ISSUES

- 3.1 The explanatory note prepared to accompany the Order states that the Order applies to premises and club premises certificates during the period from 29 May to 1 April 2011 (to the extent that this is not already the case) by including specified times in the opening hours under the licence or certificate. The specified times referred to are the periods of two hours beginning at 11pm on each of the 29 April and 30 April 2011.
- 3.2 The Order does not apply to the sale by retail of alcohol for consumption off the premises or the supply of alcohol by or on behalf of a club to the order of a member of the club for consumption off the premises.
- 3.3 The Order permits premises to be used for the provision of late night refreshment at the specified times only if at those times the premises may also be used for the sale and supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises.
- 3.4 This latter provision is to prevent the Order extending the hours of premises used solely for the supply of late night refreshment for example, take-aways.

5 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

- 5.1 Note effect of the Order in extending licensing hours in recognition of the celebrations anticipated following the wedding of His Royal Highness, Prince William and Miss Catherine Middleton.

HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

For further information please ask for Diane Rice, extension 4418.