

TO: LICENSING COMMITTEE – 25 OCTOBER 2005

SUBJECT: RECORD OF PANEL HEARINGS

FROM: MEMBERS' SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To submit, for the information of Members, copies of the records of all the Panel hearings held to date.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Some members of the Committee and other members of the Council have asked that paper copies of the record of Panel hearings should be submitted to the Committee for record purposes. Copies of the records of all the Panels are therefore attached.
- 2.2 The Officers would like to take this opportunity to thank members for responding to requests to serve on Panels, especially during the last two weeks of September when there were up to six hearings a day.
- 2.3 A request has been made for a list to be produced showing the sale of alcohol hours agreed for all premises following the applications for conversions and variations to the licenses.
- 2.4 There have been 527 applications received for conversion, variation and new licenses. Although, only 77 of these have resulted in hearings to date, with a further four hearings scheduled, many others were approved subject to conditions following representations from the Police and Environmental Health. The applications approved were for various licensing hours. Even the applications for straightforward conversions involved different licensing hours, and additional conditions, depending on the hours currently enjoyed by the premises.
- 2.5 For the information to be useful therefore, it would need to provide information on all 527 applications.
- 2.6 Each application has been considered on its merits and has been issued subject to various conditions. For comparison purposes it would be necessary, therefore to be aware of the conditions attached to each licence.
- 2.7 If a Committee feel that the information in the form requested by Councillor Doody would be helpful, arrangements can be made for it to provided when time permits.

3. DECISION REQUIRED

- 3.1 Members are asked to receive the records of the Panel hearings and decide whether the information required by Councillor Doody should be provided when time permits.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL

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