

Legislative Reform Orders:

Proposals to –

Introduce a simplified process for minor variations to premises licences and club premises certificates and remove the requirement for a designated premises supervisor and personal licence at community premises

Questionnaire 1 – Minor variations to premises licences and club premises certificates

1. Do you agree that this draft Order accurately reflects the new minor variation process described at Section 2, Chapter 1 of this consultation Document?

The draft Order does accurately reflect the variation process.

2. Does this draft Guidance (Section 2, Chapter 3) provide sufficient advice to assist licensing officers in coming to a decision on whether a variation is minor?

The Guidance does provide sufficient advice.

3. Do you agree that there is no need for any specific action in the event that a licensing authority is unable to respond to the applicant within the statutory time period?

We agree that there is no need for any specific action. It would seem unlikely that an Authority would be unable to meet this timescale.

4. Do you think the recommended fee (Section 2, Chapter 4) is a) right, b) too low, or c) too high?

Having consideration to our particular Authority and time spent on previous applications we would say a) right and would anticipate any adverse financial effect.

5. Do you think that applicants will be able to complete this form (Section 2, Chapter 5) easily without seeking legal advice?

We would say that the form could be completed easily without the need to seek legal advice considering the notes that are provided at the end of the form and that the applicant(s) as the premises licence holder should be aware of what the four licensing objectives are.

6. Does this form (Section 2, Chapter 5) provide sufficient information for a licensing officer to decide whether a variation is minor?

The form provides sufficient information.

7. Do you agree with the costings in this Impact Assessment (Section 2, Chapter 6)?

Yes.

Questionnaire 2 – Remove the requirement for Designated Premises Supervisor

1. Do you agree that this draft Order accurately reflects the new process described at Section 3, Chapter 1 of this Consultation Document to allow the disapplication of mandatory conditions relating to the sale of alcohol in relation to community premises?

The draft Order does accurately reflect the process.

2. Does this draft Guidance (Section 3, Chapter 3) provide sufficient advice to assist licensing officers in coming to a decision on whether a premises meets the requirements set out in the proposed s25A (6) of the 2003 Act to allow the disapplication of the mandatory conditions relating to personal licence holder and DPS?

The Guidance provides sufficient advice.

3. Do you think the recommended fee is a) right, b) too low, or c) too high?

a) right

4. Do you think that applicants will be able to complete this form (Section 3, Chapter 5) easily without seeking legal advice?

Yes.

5. Does this form (Section 3, Chapter 5) strike the right balance between providing sufficient information for a licensing officer to decide whether a hall is a community premises and has an adequate management structure and minimising burdens on applicants?

Yes.