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Questions relating to the make up of your DLC

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New Licences 2023-2024

4 a) How many applications for new on-licences did your committee grant?

report:

6

4 b) How many applications for new on-licences did your committee refuse?

report:

0

4 c) How many applications for new off-licences did your committee grant?

report:

2

4 d) How many applications for new off-licences did your committee refuse?

report:

0

4 e) How many applications for new club licences did your committee grant?

report:

1

4 f) How many applications for new club licences did your committee refuse?

report:

0

Managers' Certificates 2023-2024

5 a) How many applications for new manager's certificates did your committee grant?

report:

99

5 b) How many applications for new manager's certificates did your committee refuse?

report:

0

Renewals 2023-2024

6 a) How many applications for the renewal of licences did your committee grant?

report:

36

6 b) How many applications for the renewal of licences did your committee refuse?

report:

0

6 c) How many applications for the renewal of manager's certificates did your committee grant?

report:

106

6 d) How many applications for the renewals of manager's certificates did your committee refuse?

report:

0

Total Number of Licences (new and existing) at 30 June 2024

7 a) What is the total number of on-licences in your licensing district?

report:

At 30 June 2024: 60

7 b) What is the total number of off-licences in your licensing district?

report:

At 30 June 2024: 49

7 c) What is the total number of club licences in your licensing district?

report:

At 30 June 2024: 30

Questions

8 Please comment on any changes or trends in the committee's workload in 2023-2024.

report:

DLC Chair comments:

On the Kapiti Coast there has been an increase in licence applications for Cafes as this is a growing part of the culture of Kapiti. There has also been an increase in business productivity on the Kapiti Coast, which goes against the National and Regional trends. There have been five Hearings during this period which is an increase on the previous period. However the increase does not appear to be due to any particular trend that the Committee is aware of.

9 Please comment on any new initiatives the committee has developed/adopted in 2023-2024.

report:

DLC Chair comments:

The Kapiti District Licensing Committee has seen the retirement of two experienced committee members during this period, both having served 10 years as Committee members.

The Committee chair is new to the role and there has been training and advice sought and provided.

The Committee recruited three new members who have received training and the interview process established their ability to contribute to the running of the Committee.

Whilst not directly involved, the Committee gave feedback on the development of a Council Bylaw relating primarily to the fees charging regime for Licences. Kapiti Coast District Council, for instance, had no had a fee increase for 12 years.

The Chair also submitted to the Parliamentary Select Committee on proposed reforms to the Act.

The Committee will assist with a proposed Local Alcohol Policy which the Kapiti Coast District does not currently have. There appears to be division as to the value of an LAP versus not having one.

LAPs

10 Has your committee developed a Local Alcohol Policy? (LAP)

No

If the answer is yes, at what stage is your LAP?

Not Answered

11 If the answer to 10 is 'in force', what effect do you consider your LAP is having?

report:

12 If the answer to 10 is 'in force', when is your LAP due for review - date?

report:

Operations

13 Please comment on the ways in which you believe the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 is, or is not, achieving its objective. Note: the object of the Act is: a) The sale, supply, and consumption of alcohol should be undertaken safely and responsibly; and b) The harm caused by the excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol should be minimised.

report:

DLC Chair comments:

There are deficiencies in the Act as they relate to technological advances in the sale and supply of alcohol.

At the time of the 2012 Act it does not appear that remote sales would become as prominent as they have become. It is now commonplace for those with OFF Licences to want to make remote sales. Ordering online has become more common and this creates age identification issues probably not foreseen when the Act was formed.

This is an area in which ARLA is likely to finding increasing appeals. It may also increasingly be the case that sales of alcohol will become online only in much the way Amazon became a 'bookshop'.

The inability for DLCs to recover any costs from staging Hearings may have consequences for some DLCs. As ARLA will be aware there are a variety of mechanisms by which a Hearing may occur. An affected party public objection, an objection from one of the reporting agencies, or a direct requirement from the Committee can lead to Hearings, the full cost of which is borne by the local authority.

Kapiti Council no longer required applications to be published in the local print newspapers but do have them on the Council website.

14 What changes or trends in licensing have you seen since the Act came into force?

report:

DLC Chair comments:

- Supermarkets as the dominant seller of alcohol.
- A steady increase in online sales and remote deliveries.
- An increasing trend towards smaller/boutique establishments such as cafes.

- An increase in the number of boutique brewers of both spirits and beer.

Inspector comments:

- More remote sales applications for home businesses manufacturing alcohol.
- More premises delivering by courier.
- Delivery under Auckland licences where it appears a licence has been granted to a middle man who takes percentage eg Deliver Easy, Hells Pizza

15 What changes to practices and procedures under the Act (if any) would you find beneficial?

report:

DLC Chair comments:

There could be greater clarity around Police records and how far back they need to go to be relevant. If published and going a long way back, Police records in a Hearing situation become a matter of public record could be an intimidatory factor against an applicant defending a hearing.

Greater guidance around the sale of alcohol through Online ordering which is now often available 24/7.

Greater clarity around delivery of alcohol orders and the requirement for appropriate age identification.

Last Step