

**LICENSING
COMMITTEE**

20th July 2015

**DEREGULATION ACT 2015
UPDATE ON LICENSING IMPLICATIONS**

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Yvonne Smith
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
Relevant Head of Service	Ivor Pumfrey – Acting Head of Worcestershire Regulatory Services
Wards Affected	All Wards
Ward Councillor Consulted	N/A
Non-Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

To provide an update to Members on the Deregulation Act 2015 and to set out the licensing implications contained within this legislation.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to RESOLVE;

That the contents of the report and Appendix 1 be noted.

3. KEY ISSUES

Financial Implications

- 3.1 Some of the amendments to existing legislation may have an impact on the licence fee income that the Council receives from applicants. The full financial implications of the changes will be set out in future reports dealing with specific provisions contained in the Deregulation Act 2015.

Legal Implications

- 3.2 The Council is required to respond to and implement the provisions of the Deregulation Act 2015 in order to meet its legal obligations.

Service / Operational Implications

- 3.3 The Deregulation Act 2015 is described in its preamble as *“an Act to make provision for the reduction of burdens resulting from legislation for businesses or other organisations or for individuals; make provision for the repeal of legislation which no longer has practical use; make provision about the exercise of regulatory functions; and for connected purposes”*

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- 3.4 The Deregulation Act 2015 contains some provisions that relate to the deregulation of licensing functions carried out by Worcestershire Regulatory Services on behalf of the Council. The functions affected are those carried out under the Licensing Act 2003 (alcohol, entertainment and late night refreshment licensing) and taxi and private hire licensing.
- 3.5 The Act received Royal Assent on 26th March 2015 and a number of commencement dates have been confirmed for various provisions contained in the Act.
- 3.6 The table at Appendix 1 provides a summary of the relevant provisions contained in the Act along with information on commencement dates and a commentary on the actions required by the Council as a result.
- 3.7 Further reports will be brought before the Committee in due course in order to consider any decisions required by the Council as the various provisions are commenced and require implementation.
- 3.8 The Committee are asked to note the contents of this report and Appendix 1.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 None

5. APPENDICES

- 5.1 Appendix 1 – Summary of Licensing Related Provisions in the Act

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