

## **DEREGULATION OF ENTERTAINMENT**

**Portfolio:** Safer and Stronger Communities

**Ward(s) affected:** All

### **Purpose of the Report**

To advise Members about the draft order on the Deregulation of Entertainment which was laid before Parliament on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2013.

### **Recommendation**

**That the Report be received.**

### **1. Background**

Regulated entertainment as defined in Schedule 1 of the Licensing Act 2003 includes both entertainment and entertainment facilities.

The categories of entertainment and entertainment facilities are capable of being amended and the Act provides that the Secretary of State can modify the descriptions by adding, varying or removing any of them.

### **2. Issues**

A draft order which seeks to deregulate entertainment was laid before Parliament on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2013. The Licensing Act 2003 (Descriptions of Entertainment) (Amendment) Order 2013 will be debated in Parliament and, if approved, will:

- a) Deregulate plays and dance for audiences of up to 500 people between the hours of 08.00 and 23.00 (with the exception of dancing for which a Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence is required).
- b) Deregulate indoor sport for audiences of up to 1000 people between the hours of 08.00 and 23.00.
- c) Clarify that Combined Fighting Sports (Mixed Martial Arts etc) are a form of Boxing and Wrestling and will continue to be regulated.

Depending upon Parliamentary time, these provisions should hopefully come into effect in June or July 2013.

### **3. Options Considered**

Not applicable.

### **4. Proposal**

That the Committee receive the report.

5. **Reasons for Preferred Solution**

Likely legislative changes to the Licensing Act 2003.

6. **Outcomes Linked to Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Priorities**

- Creating a cleaner, safer and sustainable Borough.
- Creating a healthy and active community.

7. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

Possible implementation of changes to Licensing Act 2003.

8. **Equality Impact Assessment**

The Order will revise legislation already in force.

9. **Financial and Resource Implications**

There will be a slight reduction in income as a result of the deregulation.

10. **Key Decision Information**

This is not a Key Decision.

11. **Earlier Committee Resolutions**

A number of items relating to the Licensing Act 2003 have been published to Committee since the Act came into force.

12. **Background Papers**

None.