

**NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S  
REPORT TO**

**Licensing and Public Protection Committee  
27 April 2020**

**Report Title:** VE and VJ Day Anniversary – Licensing Act 2003 Orders

**Submitted by:** Head of Environmental Health

**Portfolios:** Finance & Efficiency

**Ward(s) affected:** All

**Purpose of the Report**

To inform the Committee of two Licensing Hours Orders to allow certain licensed premises to open later than their normal hours. One for VE Day and one for VJ Day. These orders may be superseded by Covid-19 restrictions.

**Recommendation**

**That Members note the content of the report**

**Reasons**

The Government had approved a Licensing Hours Order shall have affect to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day. They are also due to consult on whether a similar order should be approved to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VJ Day.

1. **Background**

- 1.1 Section 172 of the Licensing Act 2003 allows the Secretary of State for the Home Department to make a Licensing Hours Order ('Order') relaxing opening hours for licensed premises (any premises with a premises licence or a club premises certificate) in England and Wales to mark an occasion of 'exceptional international, national or local significance'.
- 1.2 Past national occasions where the government has extended licensing hours have included the FIFA World Cup in 2014, several Royal weddings and the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in 2012.

2. **Issues**

- 2.1 The May Bank Holiday that was due to take place on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020 has been moved to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day. The Government have consulted and approved a Licensing Hours Order to allow any licensed premises that are already permitted to sell/supply alcohol and have regulated entertainment until 11pm to operate until 1am the following morning on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020.
- 2.2 The Covid-19 restrictions announced on 16<sup>th</sup> April prevent the opening of many businesses which would be able to take advantage of the extended hours. The current arrangements are in place until 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

2.3 The 15<sup>th</sup> August 2020 is 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VJ Day. The Government are due to consult shortly on whether a similar Order should be approved to allow the same premises to operate from 11pm on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August to 1am on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

3. **Proposal**

3.1 Members note the content of the report

4. **Reasons for Proposed Solution**

4.1 To inform Members of amendments to the Licensing Act 2003 and matters of local and national significance.

5. **Options Considered**

5.1 Not applicable

6. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

6.1 Not applicable

7. **Equality Impact Assessment**

7.1 Not applicable

8. **Financial and Resource Implications**

8.1 Not applicable

9. **Major Risks**

9.1 Not applicable

10. **Sustainability and Climate Change Implications**

10.1 Not applicable

11. **Key Decision Information**

11.1 Not applicable

12. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

12.1 Not applicable

13. **List of Appendices**

13.1 Not applicable

14. **Background Papers**

14.1 Not applicable

