

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S
REPORT TO**

**Licensing and Public Protection Committee
17 January 2023**

<u>Report Title:</u>	Relaxation of licensing hours for His Majesty the King's coronation – Licensing Act 2003 Consultation
<u>Submitted by:</u>	Head of Regulatory Services & Licensing Administration Team Manager
<u>Portfolios:</u>	Finance, Town Centres & Growth
<u>Ward(s) affected:</u>	All

Purpose of the Report

To inform the Committee of a Home Office consultation to allow certain licensed premises to open later than their normal hours. It is in relation to the weekend of His Majesty the King's coronation.

Recommendation

That Members note the content of the report and support the proposed consultation response

Reasons

The Home Office have opened a consultation on whether to allow a relaxation of licensing hours during the weekend of His Majesty the King's coronation in May 2023.

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 late Queen's platinum jubilee in 2022, the Royal Weddings in 2018 and 2011, the late Queen's ninetieth birthday celebrations in 2016, and the late Queen's diamond jubilee in 2012. The power was also used during the World Cup in 2014 and the 2020 UEFA European championship final.

2. **Issues**

- 2.1 The Government have announced an extra bank holiday to take place on Monday 8th May 2023 to follow on from His Majesty the King's coronation that takes place on 6th May 2023.
- 2.2 The Government are consulting upon whether to approve a licensing hours order to allow any licensed premises that are already permitted to sell/supply alcohol for consumption on the premises and have regulated entertainment until 11pm to operate until 1am on Friday 5th May to Monday 8th May 2023. This would also allow for these premises to carry out late night refreshment during these times.

2.3 The relaxation would not apply to the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises, late night refreshment premises or unlicensed premises. The purpose of any national relaxation of licensing hours to mark His Majesty the King's coronation would be to enable pubs and other on-trade premises to sell alcohol and late-night refreshment to those wishing to extend their celebrations of His Majesty The King's Coronation beyond their normal licensing hours over the extended bank holiday period.

2.4 The consultation document is attached as **Appendix A**. The consultation opened on 19th December 2022 and closes on 23rd January 2023. The document provides an introduction to the proposal, what the proposals are, the background to them and the consultation questions. There are seven (7) questions:

- Q1. Do you support the proposal for extending the licencing hours for His Majesty the King's coronation celebrations? Yes or No
- Q2. Do you agree that the order should only apply to the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises? Yes or No
- Q3. Do you agree that the order should apply to both England and Wales? Yes or No
- Q4. Do you agree that the order should extend licensing hours on Friday 5 May until 1am the following morning? Yes or No
- Q5. Do you agree that the order should extend licensing hours on Saturday 6 May until 1am the following morning? Yes or No
- Q6. Do you agree that the order should extend licensing hours on Sunday 7 May until 1am the following morning? Yes or No
- Q7. If you disagree with this proposal, please give reasons.

Officers' recommendation is to answer 'Yes' to questions 1-6. Question 7 would then not be applicable. Officers' agree that the celebrations of His Majesty The King's Coronation is an occasion of exceptional significance.

3. **Proposal**

3.1 That Members note the content of the report and support the proposed consultation response which is to support the Home Office's proposal to relax the licensing hours as described above and in Appendix A.

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 Appendix A - Consultation: Relaxation of licensing hours for His Majesty the King's coronation

14. **Background Papers**

14.1 Not applicable