

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO LICENSING COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No. 8

meeting date: TUESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2013
title: THE LICENSING ACT 2003 (DESCRIPTIONS OF ENTERTAINMENT)
(AMENDMENT) ORDER 2013
submitted by: CHIEF EXECUTIVE
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To inform Members of the provisions of The Licensing Act 2003 (Descriptions of Entertainment) (Amendment) Order 2013 and the changes which it will make to the Licensing Act 2003.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Community Objectives – None.
- Corporate Priorities - An efficient licensing service will promote the Council's priority of being a well-managed and efficient Council.
- Other Considerations – None.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Licensing Act 2003 (Descriptions of Entertainment) (Amendment) Order 2013 was made on 26 June 2013 (the "**Order**"). A copy of this is enclosed at **Appendix 1** to this report. Prior to the Order being made a letter was received from the Department for Culture Media & Sport dated 18 June 2013, which set out the changes, which the Order makes to the licensing regime under the Licensing Act 2003. A copy of this letter is enclosed at **Appendix 2** to this report.

2.2 The main changes which the Order makes to the licensing regime are as the removal of the need for entertainment licences, between 8am and 11pm, for:

- 2.2.1 performances of plays and exhibitions of dance (up to audience limits of 500 people); and
- 2.2.2 indoor sport up to audiences of 1000 people.

2.3 The order also clarifies the position on combined fighting sports such as mixed martial arts, so that it is clear that these remain licensable as boxing or wrestling activities and that dancing of a sufficiently adult nature is not deregulated.

3 RISK ASSESSMENT

3.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:

- Resources – No implications identified.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – No implications identified.

- Political – No implications identified.
- Reputation – Awareness of the amendments will enhance the Council's reputation.
- Equality & Diversity – No implications identified.

4 **RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

4.1 Note the content of the report.

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SOLICITOR

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 1 **Appendix 1** – The Licensing Act 2002 (Descriptions of Entertainment) (Amendment) Order 2013
- 2 **Appendix 2** – Letter from DCMS to RVBC dated 18 June 2013

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