

LICENSING COMMITTEE (LICENSING ACT 2003 FUNCTIONS)

Agenda Item 4
Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	Public Question: Licensing Act		
Date of Meeting:	24 June 2010		
Report of:	Director of Strategy & Governance		
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Key Decision:	No		
Wards Affected:			

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1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 To receive the following question to be presented by Ms Lizzie Deane directly to the Licensing Committee (Licensing Act 2003 Functions) Meeting.

"I am very concerned about the detrimental impact that late night drinking and anti-social behaviour is having on the lives of many residents of St Peter's & North Laine Ward and other parts of the city centre.

since the introduction of the Licensing Act 2004 we have seen an unwelcome proliferation on on-licensed and off licensed establishments. Of particular concern is the growing number of off-licenses selling cheap, high strength booze which is attractive to street drinkers - the negative impact of which is being acutely felt in the London Road area and on The Level."

The Cumulative Impact Area is clearly a helpful tool in limiting the number and activities of new premises. Moreover, Green councillors have gained agreement by the Council for their initiative of establishing a Responsible Licensing scheme to encourage adoption of best practice for licensees and their customers which has been welcomed by responsible sections of the trade.

Can I ask:

- What is being done to curb availability of low cost and high strength alcohol?*
- When an extension to the boundary of the CIA will be made to include the North Laine and London Road area?*
- What progress is being made with the resourcing and implementation of the Responsible Licensing Scheme?"*

