

Auckland Council Alcohol Programme: Local Alcohol Policy

May 2013

Regulatory

Alcohol law reform

Introduces ability for council to develop a local alcohol policy

Replaces district licensing agencies with district licensing committees

Introduces changes to licensing fees

New rules for making liquor bans (alcohol controls)

Local Alcohol Policy Development Project

Liquor Licensing Readiness Project

Alcohol Control Policy and Bylaw Project

Community Policy & Planning

Licensing & Compliance

Policies & Bylaws Unit

Non-regulatory

Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy

Completed 2012

Community Policy & Planning

Overview

- Policy relating to the sale, supply and consumption of alcohol
- One local alcohol policy (LAP) for Auckland
- Act allows for local variation

Overview (continued)

- Policy scope defined in Act
 - Location of licences
 - Whether further licences should be issued (density)
 - Maximum hours
 - One-way door restrictions
 - Discretionary conditions
 - Special licences: discretionary conditions, hours and one-way door
 - Licensing matters only
- Policy will be considered in licensing decisions

Purpose

- Object of the Act
 - Sale, supply and consumption of alcohol should be undertaken safely and responsibly
 - Harm caused by excessive or inappropriate consumption should be minimised
- LAP must be reasonable in light of the object of the Act
 - Grounds for appeal
 - Evidence based approach

Key policy drivers

- Health
 - Physical & mental
 - Disease
 - Injury / accidents
- Traffic incidents
- Crime
- Safety
 - Fire
 - Water
 - Community safety / perceptions
 - Environmental – litter, noise etc
 - Anti-social behaviour

Policy considerations

- Local variation – section 75(2):
 - May provide differently for different parts of the district
 - May apply to only part of the district
- Variation by kind of licence:
 - On, off, club, special
- Variation by kind of licensed premises
 - E.g. On-licences: restaurant vs tavern
 - E.g. Off-licences: supermarket vs bottle store

Process and timeframe



Opportunities for community engagement

- Liquor link newsletter
 - Ask your groups to sign up
- Initial engagement period: June -July 2013
 - Circulate Issues and options paper to representatives from key community groups
 - Area and sector based community meetings
- Engagement on preferred position: July to September 2013
 - Report/feed back to those involved in initial consultation
- Public consultation through special consultative procedure: February to May 2014
 - written submission and hearings

Stay up to date

- Council Policy Webpage
 - www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz search: alcohol
- Liquor link newsletter
 - Sign up at www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/liquor
 - Click on “Find out more about alcohol licensing laws”
 - See ‘liquor link’ on right hand side
- Wider stakeholder/contacts list:
 - Email your details to: belinda.hansen@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz