

Licensing Committee Report

Meeting:	Licensing Committee
Date:	9 March 2016
Classification:	For General Release
Title:	Westminster CAB - Licensing Project Activity Report 2015
Wards Affected:	All
Financial Summary:	None
Report of:	Director of Policy, Performance and Communications

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report seeks to advise the Licensing Committee of the work of the Westminster Citizens Advice Bureau Licensing Project in 2015.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Licensing Committee note the Activity Report produced by the Westminster Citizens Advice Bureau Licensing Project, attached as Appendix 1.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Westminster Citizens Advice Bureau Licensing Project was established in 2005 in response to the implementation of the Licensing Act 2003.
- 3.2 The purpose of the project is to provide an independent and expert advice, assistance, and representation service, free of charge to all Westminster residents and local businesses, in respect of their rights and responsibilities as potential “interested parties” at council hearings relating to licensed premises under the Licensing Act 2003, the Gambling Act 2005, and Sexual Entertainment Venues.
- 3.3 The project is funded by the council and managed by Westminster CAB. It is overseen by a Licensing Project Steering Group which includes representatives from the CAB and the council and is Chaired by a local resident and ex-restaurateur. The project employs a full time specialist licensing lawyer and appropriate managerial and administrative support.
- 3.4 An Activity Report produced by the Westminster Citizen Advice Bureau Licensing Project is attached as Appendix 1.

4. Financial and Legal Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications or legal implications arising from this report.

If you have any queries about this report or wish to inspect any of the Background Papers please contact: Chris Wroe Licensing Policy & Strategy Manager on 020 7641 5903 or email cwroe@westminster.gov.uk.