

The Labour group put forward these proposals to be considered by the Licensing Committee.

A number of issues have arisen whereby we believe our processes and decisions should be more robust. For example: the planning committee do not approve a planning application unless they see an actual plan.

Labour propose that when applications are submitted for a license for a pub, club or entertainment venue, the application is accompanied with a line drawing or scale plan depicting the layout of the building and marked emergency exits. This would give the committee a better idea and more information for what they are about to approve.

Before applications are approved the Committee should decide whether a site visit is appropriate.

Higher risk premises, where there are large numbers of clients and the numbers agreed, should be inspected each year.

Where other organisations take the whole premises over, which is deemed a higher risk, licensing officers must be informed.

As we have a variation of venues, some large and small, we believe the risk factor should apply.

Category a. b. and c. we should seek advice from the fire service on this matter.

Self-certification, we believe this to be a grey area. What qualifications have the applicants when submitting the certificate to the council?

If the committee decide they are uncomfortable with the certification submitted they should be able to recommend a professional opinion.

All door staff go through a programme of training and are registered with the council.

Licensing officers need to be advised of any changes. The number of door staff is dependant on the number of clients using the premises. This needs more clearly defining.

We would hope the Director, the Portfolio Folder and Committee would give serious consideration to this report.