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MONDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2021

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU TO ATTEND A **VIRTUAL MEETING** OF THE **EXECUTIVE BOARD AT 10.00 AM, ON MONDAY, 1ST MARCH, 2021** FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA

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Councillor Cefin Campbell	Communities and Rural Affairs Rural Affairs and Community Engagement; Community Safety; Police; Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015; Tackling Poverty; Wellbeing of Future Generations; Third Sector Liaison ;Equalities, Climate Change Strategy.
Councillor Glynog Davies	Education and Children Schools; Children's Services; Special Education Needs; Safeguarding; Respite Homes; Regional Integrated School; Improvement Service; Adult Community Learning; Youth Services; School Catering Services, Lead Member for Children and Young People; Youth Ambassador
Councillor Hazel Evans	Environment Refuse; Street Cleansing; Highways and Transport Services; Grounds Maintenance; Building Services; Caretaking; Building Cleaning; Emergency Planning; Flooding, Public Rights of Way.
Councillor Linda Evans	Housing Housing – Public; Housing – Private, Ageing Well
Councillor Peter Hughes Griffiths	Culture, Sport and Tourism Town and Community Councils Ambassador; Development of the Welsh Language; Theatres; Sports; Leisure Centres; Museums; Libraries; Country Parks; Tourism.
Councillor Philip Hughes	Public Protection Trading Standards; Environmental Health. Environmental Enforcement; Planning enforcement; Unlicensed Waste; Parking Services; Bio diversity
Councillor David Jenkins	Resources Finance & Budget; Corporate Efficiencies; Property/Asset Management; Procurement; Housing Benefits; Revenues; Statutory Services (Coroners, Registrars, Electoral, Lord Lieutenancy); Armed Forces Champion Contact Centres and Customer Service Centres
Councillor Jane Tremlett	Social Care & Health Adult Social Services; Residential Care; Home Care; Learning Disabilities; Mental Health; NHS Liaison/Collaboration/ Integration; Care Home Catering Services, Carers' Champion; Dementia Care Champion; Disability Ambassador

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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY (LICENSING ACT 2003)

Recommendations / key decisions required:

A summary of the consultation responses is attached.

It is recommended that :-

- The amended Statement of Licensing Policy be approved; and
- The existing Cumulative Impact Assessment be retained for Station Road Llanelli and Lammas Street Carmarthen as detailed in section 10 of the attached policy.

Reasons:

- There is a statutory obligation to review the Licensing Policy every five years;
- The attached revised Licensing Policy document reflects the results of the consultation and review process; and
- Sufficient evidence has been provided to justify retaining the Cumulative Impact Assessments in respect of Station Road Llanelli and Lammas Street Carmarthen.

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted: N/A

Exec Board Decision Required YES - 1st March 2021

Council Decision Required YES - 10th March 2021

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY EXECUTIVE BOARD 1ST MARCH, 2021

SUBJECT REVIEW OF LICENSING POLICY

Purpose

The current Licensing Policy was adopted by the authority in January 2019 following a consultation regarding adopting a Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA) in respect of Lammas Street, Carmarthen. Legislation currently requires the Licensing Policy to be reviewed at least every five years to ensure that it reflects feedback from the local community that the statutory objectives are being met, this full review was last undertaken in 2015. The Licensing Policy relates to all licensed premises, including those which form part of the daytime economy.

The policy review consultation was originally planned to commence in March 2020, however as a consequence of the Coronavirus pandemic, it was paused until a more appropriate time and to see if the statutory review period would be extended. As the 5 year review period has not been extended, the consultation was amended to focus on the main statutory areas for consultation and was open for a limited period.

It is proposed that a further more detailed consultation will be undertaken once the Coronavirus emergency period has ended.

Consultation

This consultation exercise took place between the 14th of December and the 10th of January 2021. Approximately two thousand individuals and organisations, including licence holders and their representatives, town and community councils, members of parliament, assembly members, county councillors, council departments and responsible authorities received consultation documents.

The survey was undertaken using the consultation facility on the Council's web site. This enabled the majority of consultees to be contacted via e-mail, reducing the risks posed by the COVID-19 pandemic whilst increasing the accessibility of the consultation.

The Authority's licensing section in conjunction with the council's legal department have reviewed the policy document in light of the consultation responses, revised government guidance, amendments to the Licensing Act and recent case law.



Conclusion:-

- That there is evidence to support retaining the Cumulative Impact Assessments currently in place for Station Road, Llanelli and Lammas Street, Carmarthen; and
- As a result it is proposed that we retain the cumulative impact assessments in the policy in their current form save for updating the evidence that supports them.

A revised licensing policy document, incorporating amendments to reflect the review process is attached.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	YES
	Licensing Policy Consultation Report Licensing Policy Statement – The Licensing Act 2003



IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed: Jonathan Morgan Head of Homes and Safer Communities

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
YES	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

The proposed amendments to the Licensing Policy promote the prevention of crime and disorder. The Policy complies with the Authority's duty under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act.

An equalities impact assessment has not been undertaken at the moment, as the report is recommending very limited changes to the existing Policy document and a much more detailed review of the policy once the coronavirus emergency period has finished at which time an equalities impact assessment will be completed.

2. Legal

Legal services are satisfied that the proposed amendments comply with the Licensing Act 2003 and the statutory guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

Failure to approve the policy would bring the cumulative impact assessments in Station Road and Lammas Street to an end and undermine the council's promotion of the crime prevention objective in the Licensing Act 2003.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Jonathan Morgan Head of Homes and Safer Communities

1. Scrutiny Committee

N/A

2.Local Member(s)

Local Members were consulted through correspondence.

3.Community / Town Council

Town and Community Councils were consulted through correspondence.

4.Relevant Partners

Relevant partners were consulted through correspondence and consultation meetings.

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

N/A

EXECUTIVE BOARD PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED:	Include any observations Here
YES	

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Consultation Responses	Review of Licensing Policy 2020	3, Spilman Street, Carmarthen
Home Office Guidance	Review of Licensing Policy 2020	3, Spilman Street, Carmarthen





Licensing Policy Statement

Licensing Act 2003

2021

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STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This policy has been developed in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 ('the Act'), regulations made under that Act, and guidance issued by the Home Office. This policy should be considered in conjunction with these documents.
- 1.2 The Licensing Authority will carry out its duties under the Act with a view to promoting the four Licensing Objectives. These are:
 - a) The prevention of crime and disorder
 - b) Public safety
 - c) The prevention of public nuisance
 - d) The protection of children from harm

The Licensing Authority believes that these objectives are of equal importance.

See sections 5-9 below for further details.

- 1.3 This policy has been formulated as a result of a wide-ranging consultation exercise involving (but not limited to):
 - a) The Police
 - b) The Fire Service
 - c) Other Responsible Authorities
 - d) Licence Holders and their representatives
 - e) Holders of club premises certificates and their representatives
 - f) Local businesses and their representatives
 - g) Local residents and their representatives

Due consideration has been given to all those who have responded.

- 1.4 This policy relates to all those licensable activities identified as falling within the provisions of the Act, namely:
 - a) Retail sale of alcohol (including via the Internet or Mail Order)
 - b) Supply of alcohol to members of registered clubs
 - c) The supply of hot food and/or drink from any premises between 11pm and 5am (late night refreshments)
 - d) Provision of 'regulated entertainment' (as defined by schedule 1, part 1, paragraph 2 of the Act) to the public, club members or with a view to profit. This includes:
 - i) A performance of a play
 - ii) An exhibition of a film
 - iii) An indoor sporting event

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- iv) Boxing or wrestling entertainment
- v) A performance of live music
- vi) Any playing of recorded music
- vii) A performance of dance
- 1.5 The Act contains a number of exceptions and exemptions, which have been amended and increased in recent years by, the Live Music Act, Deregulation Act and other legislative orders. It is not intended to set out these changes in detail in this policy, but they are explained in the guidance issued by the Home Office under section 182 of the Act. They should be carefully considered by any person considering providing entertainment. For further advice, applicants are advised to contact the Licensing Section.

1.6 **Types of Authorisations**

There are four types of authorisations:

- a) **Premises Licence** a licence granted in respect of any premises, which authorises them to be used for one or more licensable activities.
- b) **Personal Licence** a licence granted by the Licensing Authority to an individual which authorises them to supply alcohol (or authorise the supply of alcohol) in accordance with a premises licence.
- c) Club Premises Certificate a certificate granted in respect of premises occupied and used for the purposes of a club.
- d) **Temporary Event Notice** where it is proposed to use premises for one or more licensable activity during a period not exceeding 168 hours.
- 1.7 It is recognised that the licensing process can only seek to address those measures within the control of the licensee, and in the vicinity of licensed premises. The licensing process is not a mechanism for the general control of anti-social behaviour by individuals once they are away from licensed premises and beyond the direct control of the licence holder. However where it can be established that a licensed premises is linked to anti-social behaviour or any other activity which undermines the licensing objectives, the matters may be pursued under the licensing process. The Licensing Authority will therefore continue to work in partnership with neighbouring authorities, the police, fire service, the NHS, the licensed trade, local businesses and local people towards the promotion of these four objectives.
- 1.8 It is intended that this policy statement will remain in existence for a period of up to five years from the 10th of March 2021. However the policy will be kept under constant review during this period, and where necessary, changes made, subject to the statutory consultation requirements being met.
- 1.9 As part of the above the Licensing Authority will consider the impact of licensing on regulated entertainment and particularly live music and dancing.

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2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Carmarthenshire is the third largest county in Wales in demographic terms, with a population in 2013 of 184,681 of whom 11.6% were between the ages of 15 and 24, and 22.1% were between the ages of 25 and 44. It is these two age groups, who are currently most likely to make use of, and be employed within, the night time economy. However, 22% of the population is of pensionable age and therefore it is an aim of this policy to make the night time economy accessible to everyone, not just the young.
- 2.2 As a primarily rural area, Carmarthenshire has a strong agricultural base with a 'necklace' of key market towns providing the needs of communities in those rural areas. South East Carmarthenshire is the most densely populated part of the county, and is characterised by close knit former industrial communities. These contrasting types of environment present very different opportunities and challenges to those involved in the night time economy.
- 2.3 The night time economy within the county is extremely diverse, ranging from night clubs in the town centres to traditional local pubs, pub/restaurants, small village halls and community halls. These smaller venues have an important role to play in preserving and promoting the rich cultural and linguistic heritage of the county. On the 1st of January 2021 the Authority had 867 premises with Premises Licences, 72 with Club Premises Certificates and 2821 individual Personal Licence Holders.
- 2.4 Whilst the night time economy undoubtedly has benefits in terms of jobs, wealth creation, tourism and the promotion of cultural diversity, there are also obvious disadvantages. Alcohol related public nuisance, and crime and disorder are found not just in the larger town centres, but also in the smaller rural communities.

3. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

- 3.1 Each application received under the provisions of the Act will be dealt with upon its own merits. However the Licensing Authority's discretion will not be engaged unless representations are received.
- 3.2 Nothing in this policy will undermine the right of a person to apply for a variety of permissions under the Act.
- 3.3 Absolute weight will be given to all relevant representations received by the council in respect of any application or request made under the Act. However representations, which are frivolous, vexatious or repetitious, will not be considered.

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- 3.4 The Licensing Authority will not operate a quota of any kind, which would predetermine any application.
- 3.5 The Licensing Authority does not currently impose general limitations on trading hours in particular areas.
- 3.6 In carrying out its functions under the Act, the Licensing Authority will have due regard to all relevant legislation.

CONDITIONS OF LICENCE

- 4.1 In order to avoid duplication with other statutory regimes as far as possible, the Licensing Authority, where representations are received, will not attach conditions of licence unless they are considered appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. Conditions will generally be considered inappropriate if issues are already adequately covered by other legislation.
- 4.2 The Licensing Authority cannot impose standard conditions of licence across the board.
- 4.3 In 2010 the Licensing Act 2003 (Mandatory Licensing Conditions) order set out five new mandatory licence conditions. In 2014 those conditions were replaced by five new conditions introduced by an amendment order.

The new mandatory licence conditions relate to:-

- 1) Prohibition of irresponsible drinks promotions.
- 2) Provision of free tap water for customers
- 3) Requiring the adoption and use of an Age Verification Policy
- 4) Giving customers the choice of small measures
- 5) Banning the sale of alcohol below the cost of duty plus VAT.

The five conditions apply to all premises licences and club premises certificates which authorise the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises.

Mandatory condition 3 is the only one which applies to premises which authorise off sales of alcohol only.

In certain circumstances conditions attached to licences will not take effect due to the operation of the Live Music Act, Deregulation Act and other legislative orders. For further advice contact the licensing section.

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Licence holders are encouraged to contact the Licensing Section to discuss any proposed drinks promotion prior to their commencement. Further detailed guidance along with a new page outlining the conditions have been sent to each licence holder. Further copies of this advice is available from the Licensing Section.

4.4 For advice regarding any pools of model conditions which may be available please contact the licensing section.

5. THE LICENSING OBJECTIVES – GENERAL COMMENTS

- 5.1 Applicants for new premises licences and those seeking variation of existing licences/permissions are advised to demonstrate how they intend to promote the four licensing objectives.
- In order to do this applicants are advised to carry out a comprehensive and detailed assessment which should cover, amongst other things:
 - a) The scope and nature of the licensable activities to be carried out.
 - b) The duration of such activities.
 - c) The nature and location of the premises in which the activities are to take place (this may include reference to beer gardens, smoking shelters or any other open areas forming part of the premises, or used by the premises for the carrying on of licensable activities and/or consumption of alcohol).
 - d) The nature and location of other premises in the vicinity and their occupants.
 - e) The skills and knowledge levels of persons engaged in carrying out those activities.
- 5.3 The Licensing Authority advises that such an assessment should identify issues which could lead to the licensing objectives being undermined.
- 5.4 The Licensing Authority advises that such an assessment, and its conclusions, be incorporated within, or be annexed to, the operating schedule, which forms part of the application. Where an applicant chooses not to submit a risk assessment they are advised instead to provide a statement explaining why in their opinion one is not needed.
- 5.5 The Licensing Authority advises that the operating schedule sets out in detail the control measures the applicant intends to put in place to deal with the risks identified in the assessment.

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5.6 Applicants are reminded that, where representations are made in relation to an application, the Licensing Authority has the power to place conditions upon the licence where it considers it appropriate to do so to promote the licensing objectives.

The Licensing Authority believes that the effective management of licensed premises by suitability experienced and trained staff is essential for the promotion of the four licensing objectives.

Designated Premises Supervisors

- 5.7 Applicants are reminded that where they wish the premises licence to include the sale or supply of alcohol that they need to appoint a Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS), who must hold a personal licence. The Licensing Authority strongly recommends to all applicants that the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) be the person who has day-to-day control of the premises.
- 5.8 The Licensing Authority recognises that where a large organisation such as a pub or supermarket chain has a number of premises from which it intends to sell/supply alcohol, that organisation may wish a more senior member of staff such as an Area Manager to act as Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) for more than one premises. In those circumstances, the Licensing Authority strongly advises applicants to clearly set out in their operating schedules on how the DPS will ensure that the licensing objectives are to be promoted at the premises in question. The Licensing Authority recommends that this includes:
 - a) The frequency of visits by the DPS to the premises.
 - b) The maintenance of proper records at the premises relating to the Licensing Objectives and their inspection by the DPS.
 - c) The identification of the person or persons responsible for the day-to-day management of the premises.
 - d) The proper training of staff at the premises, having regard to their individual roles and the nature of the licensable activities carried on at the premises.

5.9 Adult Entertainment

Following the amendment of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 to introduce a new category of establishment called Sexual Entertainment Venues, applicants and existing licence holders who are providing adult entertainment such as Lap Dancing, Pole Dancing or Table Dancing are advised to contact the Authority to check whether they require a separate Sexual Entertainment Venue licence for the premises. Further guidance regarding the provision of adult entertainment is available from the Licensing Section.

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5.10 When preparing their Operating Schedules, applicants are advised to have regard to the guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and any other guidance referred to therein.

6. THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER

- 6.1 In order for applicants to properly address this objective, the Licensing Authority advises that the operating schedule where appropriate includes (amongst other things) reference to the following:
 - a) The use of CCTV cameras, both inside and outside the premises. It is recommended that such cameras, where installed, meet the standard set out in the Operational Requirements Guidance document issued by the Carmarthenshire Division of the Dyfed Powys Police and that images are retained for thirty one days. Where cameras are installed, applicants are advised to provide a declaration that Police and Licensing Officers can have immediate access to the images at any time during the opening hours of the premises.
 - b) The CCTV system shall be recording whenever the premises is open for licensable activities and at least one hour before opening time and one hour beyond the closing time.
 - c) That a competent person capable of producing a copy of CCTV footage upon request of any investigating agency is available at the premises.
 - d) The CCTV system be installed and maintained to the satisfaction of the Dyfed Powys Police and local Community Safety Officer.
 - e) The Premises Licence holder shall ensure that the CCTV system is kept in a good working order.
 - f) The licensee or another appropriate person must randomly examine any available recordings in an attempt to satisfy themselves that all relevant policies are being adhered to and act accordingly where there is any suspicion that staff are not following policy, such as requesting identification or questioning potential 'proxy sales'.
 - g) The installation of a security system for the whole of the premises, including the stock area of an approved standard.
 - h) Procedures for risk assessing promotions (e.g. drinks promotions) and special events with potential to cause crime and disorder. Plans to minimise the risks identified.
 - i) Means to prevent the use and supply of illegal drugs.
 - j) Training of staff, including the obtaining of qualifications to a national standard. Applicants are advised to keep written records of all staff training.
 - k) The use of security staff, including the number to be deployed, methods of operation, training and qualifications. Applicants are reminded of the requirements of the Securities Industry Act. Applicants will be expected to maintain a register, detailing the security staff on duty at any one time and

- allow the Police and Licensing Officers access to that register at any time during the opening hours of the premises.
- I) That where Door Supervisors are employed it be in the ratio of two door supervisors for the first one hundred persons and one per hundred thereafter. If applicants wish to employ a different ratio, it is recommended they explain why.
- m) In the case of nightclubs and venues used for live entertainment and concerts, the use of metal detectors and/or other search facilities and procedures.
- n) Door supervisors whenever on duty must wear high visibility style clothing both indoors and outdoors. The type of clothing to be used indoors must be clearly visible and readily identifiable in premises where the lighting may be dim, so that they are recognisable to members of the public, police officers and licensing officers. Whenever on duty door supervisors must complete a register of the time they start and finish duty, the register must contain the contact details of the individual door supervisor.
- Certain premises, particularly those with access restrictions for under 18's are advised to consider arranging for trading standards officers to deliver the free training regarding age verification, detailed in paragraph 9.10, for key staff such as door supervisors.
- 6.2 Applicants are strongly advised to state clearly in their operating schedules the measures to be taken to prevent customers removing glasses and/or open bottles/cans of alcohol from the premises.
- 6.3 All applicants are advised for the purposes of the prevention of crime and disorder that they include within the operating schedule, a capacity limit for the premises and the control measures to ensure it is enforced.
- 6.4 Applicants are advised to outline measures to be taken to supervise customers within any outside location at the premises either a beer garden or street café, in respect of the consumption of alcohol or smoking.
- 6.5 Applicants are advised that where they are planning to place tables and chairs on the highway or on private land, to indicate how they intend to control patrons at those locations and when they intend to remove those tables and chairs. Applicants are advised to contact the Street Scene section for advice regarding relevant permits under the Highways Act 1980.
- 6.6 It is recommended that Licensees support the Dyfed Powys Police in any initiatives to prevent crime and disorder such as passive drugs dogs, Itemiser drug scanning machine or any other relevant resource tool.
- 6.7 Licensees are encouraged to actively participate in an appropriate Pub Watch, LVA, Club Watch, Club Radio, Behave or be Banned, Best Bar None, and Home Watch Scheme or any other similar scheme. Applicants are advised to indicate whether or not they are willing to participate and also whether they are willing to contribute financially to the cost of such schemes.

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- 6.8 Licensees are encouraged to promote and take part in any local or national initiatives, strategies or campaigns such as the 'Safer Clubbing Guide' and have regard to the Working Together to Reduce Harm The Substance Misuse Strategy For Wales 2008 2018(Welsh Government 2008)
- 6.9 Applicants are advised where age restrictions on access apply, to put in place measures to control such activities, including staff training and the adoption of schemes such as "Challenge 25"
- 6.10 Licensees are reminded of their statutory duties to display certain licence documents and notices, Proper access to the licence and the display of the summary documents are vital elements of both the premises management and enforcement regimes. The Dyfed Powys Police and the Licensing Authority are of the view that in order to comply with these requirements, the premises summary document needs to be displayed in full public view, at a convenient height, not obscured and in such a way that each page of the document can easily be read by any person at the premises. Police and Licensing Officers will expect the responsible person at the premises to be able to produce the licence without delay.
- 6.11 Applicants requiring further information regarding the above or local crime prevention strategies should contact the Police at the address given in Appendix B.
- 6.12 The Dyfed Powys Police have identified the following areas within the County as hot spots of alcohol related crime and disorder. Applicants and existing Licence holders are strongly advised to pay special attention to measures aimed at preventing Crime and Disorder at premises located on these streets and in the vicinity.

Llanelli

Murray Street, Station Road, Stepney Street, Ann Street.

Carmarthen

Coracle Way, Lammas Street, Water Street, Priory Street, Queen Street, King Street. Nott Square

Ammanford

Quay Street, Wind Street.

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7. PUBLIC SAFETY

7.1 Applicants are reminded that the safety of staff and patrons on licensed premises is the responsibility of the licensee.

7.2 New Psychoactive Substances

A recent trend has been the use and availability of New Psychoactive Substances (NPS), so called' legal highs'. The authority recognises that legislation is sometimes slow to change to deal with such substances and that both the Police and local authority have powers under other legislation to tackle premises supplying substances that could be considered as legal highs. The Licensing Authority expects licence holders and qualifying clubs to actively discourage and prevent the use or supply of such substances in licensed premises.

- 7.3 All applicants are strongly advised to include within their operating schedule details of the maximum numbers of persons to be allowed in the premises at any time, how that figure was reached, and the control measures to ensure it is enforced.
- 7.4 Applicants are reminded that such maximum numbers should be calculated to ensure that premises can be safely evacuated in the event of any emergency, not just in the event of fire (which is the subject of separate legislation). The proposed maximum numbers and control measures should therefore also provide for other types of emergency (e.g. violent disorder, flooding, bomb threats etc).
- 7.5 All applicants are strongly advised to assess as to when the use of alternatives to glass, such as plastic bottles, plastic glasses and/or toughened glasses may be appropriate. The Licensing Authority believes that this is of particular relevance not just to high volume premises such as nightclubs and large town centre pubs, but also to other premises during peak periods such as bank holidays, other special occasions and external beer gardens and street cafes. Failure to properly address this issue could result in representations being submitted by the responsible authorities.
- 7.6 Applicants are advised to set out how they intend to make adequate first aid provisions for staff and customers.
- 7.7 The Licence Holder are advised to ensure that there is in force an appropriate public Liability Insurance Policy relating to his/her use of the premises for licensable activities. A copy of which should be on display at the principal point of entry and be produced to a Police Officer or an officer of the Licensing Authority on request.
- 7.8 Applicants are reminded electrical safety is of paramount importance.

 Applicants should be aware of the importance of ensuring that the electrical

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installations of a venue are maintained in safe correct working order, and are periodically checked to ensure they remain in such a condition.

Applicants are advised that the electrical installation in the premises should be in accordance with the requirements contained in the Institution of Electrical Engineers Regulations for the Electrical Equipment of Buildings (IEE Wiring Regulations – issued as BS 7671:2001-amd 2002: Requirements of electrical installations). The Local Authority also advises that the electrical installation of the premises should be inspected and tested annually by a qualified electrical engineer. Applicants are encouraged to keep a record of such certificates for a period of twelve months.

- 7.9 Applicants are reminded that in circumstances where temporary structures (e.g. stages, marquees, seating etc) and/or temporary installations (e.g. generators, heaters) are used, it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that they are suitable for their intended use and they are erected/installed correctly. Applicants are encouraged to ensure only competent people install/erect temporary structure(s) and installations, and the applicant is strongly advised to obtain completion / conformity certificates from the persons responsible for erecting or installing the structure. In addition, applicants are encouraged to keep a record of such certificates for a period of 12 months following obtaining the certificate.
- 7.10 The use of LPG is not uncommon, in particular, at outdoor events. In circumstances where LPG is intended to be used and stored, applicants are urged to familiarise themselves with the requirements of the LPG Association code of practices and follow such codes.
- 7.11 Applicants and existing licence holders are reminded of the need to comply with the requirements of The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. Advice regarding Fire safety can be obtained from the Mid and West Wales Fire Brigade, contact details for their Fire Safety department appear in Appendix B.
- 7.12 The Licensing Authority recommends that applicants contact the Fire Brigade, Health and Safety Executive and or Carmarthenshire County Council Commercial Services as appropriate for further information and guidance on these issues. (See Appendix B for relevant contact details).

8 THE PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE

- 8.1 Applicants are reminded that licensed premises do not exist in isolation and that their operation contains an inherent risk of public nuisance.
- 8.2 Applicants are advised, as part of the assessment referred to in paragraph 5.2, to identify potential instances of public nuisance, arising from the

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operation of the premises and the measures to be implemented to control them.

- 8.3 Inaudibility The simple presence of noise at a complainant's premises would not itself be sufficient to determine the matter as being a Public Nuisance or statutory noise nuisance as defined by the Section 79 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. In determining the existence of a public nuisance or statutory noise nuisance a number of factors must be taken into consideration such as time, duration, frequency and loudness of the noise.
- 8.4 Applicants are reminded that their responsibilities in this respect are not limited to activities taking place within the premises during opening hours. Applicants are advised to have regard to (amongst other things) the manner in which their premises are prepared for opening (e.g. cleaning and deliveries), the management of patrons entering and leaving the premises and the manner in which the premises is closed down, including the way in which glass bottles are disposed of.

Applicants are also advised to consider:-

- a) Displaying Neighbour courtesy notices to be displayed at the premises.
- b) Adopting a Dispersal Policy for the premises in respect of any person leaving the premises after midnight.
- 8.5 Applicants are reminded that public nuisance is not limited in scope to noise nuisance. Regard should therefore be had to (amongst other things) issues of light pollution, odour pollution, vibration etc.
- 8.6 As a result of the introduction of The Health Act 2006 and subsequently The Smoke-free Premises etc. (Wales) Regulations 2007, a large number of premises have erected external shelters and smoking areas, a number of which use street furnishings. Applicants should consider carefully the layout and locations of such external areas and are advised that such furnishings be situated in locations so as not to cause obstruction to the public.
- 8.7 Prior to erecting smoking structures applicants are reminded to consider whether their structure may conflict with relevant planning/building control permission for the premises. If the applicant is unsure whether this is the case or where they are aware of such a conflict, then they should contact the relevant Section of the Authority to resolve this matter.
- 8.8 Applicants are advised to consider how noise arising from the use of external smoking shelters/smoking areas is controlled. Applicants are advised to locate such areas away from residential properties if possible. It is also advised that applicants consider restricting the access to such areas and the activities undertaken within the areas e.g. alcohol not to be used in the external areas beyond a particular time and carefully manage access to and use of such areas.
- 8.9 Applicants are advised not to provide entertainment such as music and televisions in the external smoking areas. Not only can the noise from the

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entertainment cause disturbance, but external entertainment encourages people to stay outside for prolonged periods of time and this itself can give rise to noise and disturbance

- 8.10 Advertising by means of fly posting is increasing and can have a detrimental effect on the surroundings. Applicants who use such methods of advertisement are recommended to have procedures in place to ensure that the advertisements are removed as soon as possible. Applicants are reminded that fly posting may give rise to criminal liability, both for those who fly post and the business that is being advertised.
- 8.11 Applicants are advised to consider how customers using the smoking areas dispose of their used cigarettes. Applicants are encouraged to provide receptacles for the used cigarettes and also to have systems in place to ensure the area is kept free from litter.
- 8.12 The Public Health Team has encountered a number of cases where trade waste is not being effectively managed by Licensed Premises. The result of which can give rise to Public Health problems such as rodent infestations, flies and odours. Situations have also arisen where premises (especially food premises) have been depositing their waste oil into the foul drainage system that resulted in blocked drainage system. Applicants are therefore reminded of their obligation to comply with legislation in relation to these issues.
- 8.13 Carmarthenshire County Council Public Health Services has produced further detailed guidance to assist applicants to address the public nuisance licensing objective. The Licensing Authority advise applicants to have regard to this guidance when producing operating schedules.
- 8.14 The Public Health Team has a duty to investigate nuisance complaints and therefore should be the first point of contact in cases where individuals are experiencing problems of nuisance from licensed premises.

9 THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM HARM

9.1 The Licensing Authority will not seek to require that access to any premises is given to children at all times. Under normal circumstances this will be left to the discretion of the licensee. Generally the Licensing Authority will not seek to limit access of children to any premises unless it is necessary for the prevention of harm to them. Applicants are reminded that their general responsibilities towards staff and customers are increased where such staff/customers are children.

- 9.2 Applicants are advised to include within their operating schedules a clear statement as to when children will be employed at the premises and/or when they will be allowed on the premises as customers or performers in regulated entertainment. Applicants are reminded of the existence of local by laws governing the employment of children, and are advised to contact Education and Children Services in relation to this issue.
- 9.3 The range of alternatives which may be considered for limiting the access of children include:
 - a) Limitations on the hours when children may be present.
 - b) Limitations on the exclusion of the presence of children under certain ages when particular specified activities are taking place.
 - c) Limitations on the parts of premises to which children might be given access.
 - d) Age limitations (below 18).
 - e) Requirements for accompanying adults.
 - f) Full exclusion of people under 18 from premises when licensable activities are taking place.
- 9.4 Where applicants intend to allow children to enter their premises they are advised to establish and enforce clear codes of conduct to be observed at all times when children are present. The Licensing Authority suggests such codes to be incorporated within or annexed to operating schedules and to include reference to (amongst other things):
 - a) The prohibition of foul and abusive language
 - b) The prohibition of threatening behaviour
 - c) The prohibition of entertainment of an adult or sexual nature
 - d) The prohibition of entertainment of a violent nature
 - e) The prohibition of gambling (other than small numbers of AWP machines).
- 9.5 Applicants are advised to clearly state which parts of the premises children are allowed to enter, the circumstances in which this can take place and the control measures to ensure this is enforced. Applicants should seek advice from the Licensing Authority and Children's Services on a case by case basis.
- 9.6 Applicants are advised to include within their operating schedule a declaration that children of school age will not be allowed into their premises during school hours.
- 9.7 Applicants whose premises are used to provide services specifically to children and/or family groups are advised to adopt the following measures:
 - a) Security checks on all staff, including temporary staff.
 - b) Training for key staff in relation to child protection and safety issues.
 - c) The adoption of fixed time deadlines after which children of a certain age will generally be expected to leave the premises. The Licensing Authority recommends that on a day preceding a school day this should be 8pm for

- children up to and including primary school age, and 10pm for secondary school children.
- d) Procedures to ensure that unaccompanied children have the means to travel home safely.
- 9.8 In respect of licensed premises that hire their function rooms for private events, they adopt a system where all bookings are checked and details of the event or functions are verified as being bona fide. Such details to be recorded to include name of person who took the booking, contact details of person make the booking and what steps were taken to confirm that the event or function was not for persons under 18 years of age. This is to prevent the possibility of licensing offences being committed by the premises or those attending the function, such as an under 18's party, school proms or similar events where the majority of those attending will be under 18.
- 9.9 Applicants whose premises are to be used for Parties or events aimed primarily at 18 year olds and under are advised that the following arrangements are prudent to protect children from harm.
 - Bookings for such events should only be taken from an adult. A
 requirement of an accompanying adult to supervise should be considered.
 - A Designated Premises Supervisor should be present whenever the premises is in use for such events
 - Specific arrangements need to be made by the premises to ensure that children and young people are able to get home safely. For example having a freephone available for booking local taxis.
 - Specific arrangements need to be made to ensure that children and young
 people that turn up at the premises and are denied access due to
 intoxication get home safely to the care of a parent or carer or responsible
 adult.
 - Fixed time deadlines at which such parties will generally be expected to leave the premises.
- 9.10 Consideration should be given to the age of bar staff serving at these events and the potential impact that peer pressure could have on the likelihood of alcohol being served to underage persons. Arrangements should include the supervision and training of these staff to deal with peer pressure.
- 9.11 Applicants are reminded of research carried out on behalf of the Department of Children & Families by Newcastle University, which concluded that children who misuse alcohol are likely to suffer harm to their physical and mental health, educational development and personal safety.
- 9.12 Applicants whose premises are to be used for the sale and/or supply of alcohol are advised to set out in their operating schedules the steps that will be taken to prevent the sale and/or supply of alcohol to persons under age. This may include (but not necessarily be limited to):

- a) The Implementation of a "Challenge 25" policy to ensure that all staff will insist on appropriate ID if they believe that a purchaser may be 25 or under "No ID No Sale".
- b) The provision of notices / posters to be clearly displayed in store, near the point of sale areas, to emphasise to customers that they will be challenged if they look 25 or under. It is recommended that similar posters relating to the sale of age related products to be clearly displayed near the products themselves.
- c) What forms of proof of age will be accepted at the premises e.g. Photocard driving licence, passport, Validate card or any PASS accredited proof of age card.
- d) A requirement that all new employees to undergo induction training in relation to the sale of age restricted products, immediately on commencing employment, and a written record and details be kept of such training.
- e) A requirement that all relevant staff undertake refresher training in relation to the sale of age restricted products at least once every 6 months.
- f) That such training include information on the acceptable forms of ID, and in particular the "Validate" proof of age card, promoted within Carmarthenshire. Sample "Validate" ID cards, should be made available, for staff, to assist confidence in their understanding of information contained on such cards.
- g) A Requirement that a "Refusals Log" be maintained, kept at the till area, and entries completed every time a sale is refused. These "refusals" should be examined and analysed by an appropriate person within the organisation, at regular intervals, and any potential concerns addressed immediately. Any such actions should be recorded, signed and dated.
- h) Where a person under is 18 is employed, a signed record should be made by the relevant "supervisor" in charge of that person, prior to them commencing duty on each day.
- i) The Premises Licence Holder should have installed a CCTV system that covers the checkout area. The licensee or another appropriate person should randomly examine any available CCTV recordings, in an attempt to satisfy themselves that all relevant policies are being adhered to, and act accordingly where there is any suspicion that staff, are not following policy, such as not requesting ID, or questioning potential "proxy sales".
- j) The preparation of a written policy in relation to the sale of age restricted products, a copy of which to be provided to all staff. Such a policy should be annually reviewed and if relevant, updated to reflect changes in the law, and / or guidance issued by relevant bodies.
- k) Where an EPOS system is in use, a till prompt is automatically generated to alert staff that an alcoholic product has been scanned, and that staff need to acknowledge this, before such a sale can continue.
- Arranging for the DPS to be in full time employment at the premises, with an active "hands on" role in, and responsibility for, overseeing staff. The DPS should have successfully completed, and provide evidence of such, a nationally accredited "personal licence" course.

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- m) Ensuring that all documents referred to above, are kept at the premises and made available on request, at all times to Police, Trading Standards or Licensing Officers. Applicants are advised that where such a requirement is made a condition of licence, a failure to produce could be interpreted as documents "not being available", which could be a breach of licensing conditions.
- 9.13 The Trading Standards Services Section offer free training for premises staff in relation to the sale of alcohol and other age restricted products. Licence holders wishing to take advantage of this service must make arrangements well in advance by contacting the Trading Standards Section using the contact details contained in Appendix B.
- 9.14 Applicants should have regard to such advice and guidance as may be issued from time to time by the Police and the Carmarthenshire County Council's own Trading Standards Officers.
- 9.15 Applicants are reminded that the advice to keep training records set out in paragraph 6.1 in this policy is equally applicable in this context.
- 9.16 The Licensing Authority recognises that the Department for Education and Children of Carmarthenshire Council is the competent body to advise on matters relating to the protection of children from harm. The address to which applicants should forward copies of their application is contained in Appendix E.
- 9.17 The Licensing Authority strongly advises applicants to make a commitment in their operating schedules to follow the Portman Group code of practice on the naming, packaging and promotion of alcoholic drinks. Failure to do so may be regarded as intelligence of irresponsible drinks promotions under section 19 (2) of this policy.

10 CUMULATIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Station Road, Llanelli

10.1 The Licensing Authority considers that the number of premises licences and club premises certificates in force for premises in the lower end of Station Road ,Llanelli, between it's junction with Queen Victoria Road south to the railway crossing is such that granting further licences would be inconsistent with the authority's duty to promote the licensing objectives. The area is shown on the plan attached at appendix F.

This Cumulative Impact Assessment applies to any property which has a boundary on the relevant portion of Station Road.

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- 10.2 Where relevant representations are received, it is the Licensing Authority's intention to refuse applications in respect of the lower end of Station Road, Llanelli, between its junction with Queen Victoria Road south to the railway crossing as shown on the plan attached at appendix F for;
 - (a) New Premises Licences
 - (b) The variation of such licences that are considered likely to add to the existing cumulative impact.

The assessment is intended to be strictly applied and will only be overridden in genuinely exceptional circumstances

Exceptions are unlikely to be made on the grounds that the premises are, or will be, well managed

Exceptions should be directed at the reasons underlying the assessment.

An exception might arise where an application proposes;

- (a) To effect a real reduction in capacity
- (b) To replace vertical drinking with seated consumption and waiter service.
- (c) To transfer an operation from one premises to another, where the size and location of the second premises is likely to cause less detrimental Impact and will promote the licensing objectives.
- (d) The substitution of existing licensable activity at a premises with licensable activities which would have less impact on the area and would be more likely to further the licensing objectives.

Variation applications which are likely to be considered to add to the existing cumulative impact include;

- (a) An increase in the capacity of the premises
- (b) An extension in the hours of operation of the premises
- (c) Introducing opportunities to consume alcohol other than ancillary to table meals
- (d) Introducing opportunities to take food away from the premises
- (e) Introducing dance floors or similar facilities
- (f) Any other change to the way the premises operate which is likely to have an impact on the promotion of the licensing objectives.
- (g) The varying of an existing licence condition attached to a premises licence, which is likely to have an impact on the promotion of the licensing objectives.

The reasons for adopting this assessment are as follows;

1. The portion of Station Road, Llanelli, between it's junction with Queen Victoria Road south to the railway crossing as shown on the plan attached at appendix F contains a total of 21 licensed premises, including pubs, nightclubs, off licences and late night take away outlets.

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- The Road is in close proximity to a large number of residential streets.
 There is clear evidence that these streets are subject to alcohol related crime and disorder by persons who have purchased alcohol in Station Road.
- 3. Station Road is the location for a number of licensed premises. There is clear evidence linking these premises to late night noise and anti social behaviour in Station Road and the surrounding residential streets.
- 4. Evidence has been received that late night food outlets attract passing custom from people leaving the town centre, leading to a greater concentration of people than would otherwise be the case, before dispersing through nearby residential streets.
- 5. There have been licence applications relating to premises in Station Road which have highlighted issues of alcohol related anti-social behaviour and crime and disorder.
- 6. The evidence to support the above is contained in the Policy review file and on the individual premises files held by the Licensing Section.
- 7. The Police have supplied evidence to support the ongoing need for a Cumulative Impact Assessment for Station Road. This is attached at appendix I.
- 8. The evidence from the consultation shows that residents are continuing to be affected by alcohol related crime and disorder, however this is primarily between it's junction with Queen Victoria Road south to the railway crossing, as shown on the plan attached at appendix F.

Lammas Street, Carmarthen.

- 10.3 The Licensing Authority considers that the number of premises licences and club premises certificates in force for premises in Lammas Street, Carmarthen is such that granting further licences would be inconsistent with the authority's duty to promote the licensing objectives. The area is shown on the plan attached at appendix G.
 - This Cumulative Impact Assessment applies to any property which has a boundary on Lammas Street, Carmarthen.
- 10.4 Where relevant representations are received, it is the Licensing Authority's intention to refuse applications in respect Lammas Street, Carmarthen as shown on the plan attached at appendix G for;
 - (c) New Premises Licences
 - (d) The variation of such licences that are considered likely to add to the existing cumulative impact.

This Assessment is intended to be strictly applied and will only be overridden in genuinely exceptional circumstances

Exceptions are unlikely to be made on the grounds that the premises are, or will be, well managed

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Exceptions should be directed at the reasons underlying the Assessment.

An exception might arise where an application proposes;

- (e) To effect a real reduction in capacity
- (f) To replace vertical drinking with seated consumption and waiter service.
- (g) To transfer an operation from one premises to another, where the size and location of the second premises is likely to cause less detrimental Impact and will promote the licensing objectives.
- (h) The substitution of existing licensable activity at a premises with licensable activities which would have less impact on the area and would be more likely to further the licensing objectives.

Variation applications which are likely to be considered to add to the existing cumulative impact include;

- (h) An increase in the capacity of the premises
- (i) An extension in the hours of operation of the premises
- (j) Introducing opportunities to consume alcohol other than ancillary to table meals
- (k) Introducing opportunities to take food away from the premises
- (I) Introducing dance floors or similar facilities
- (m) Any other change to the way the premises operate which is likely to have an impact on the promotion of the licensing objectives.
- (n) The varying of an existing licence condition attached to a premises licence, which is likely to have an impact on the promotion of the licensing objectives.

The reasons for adopting this Assessment are as follows;

- Lammas Street, Carmarthen, shown on the plan attached at appendix G contains a total of 15 licensed premises, including pubs, nightclubs, off licences and late night take away outlets.
- The Road is in close proximity to a large number of residential streets.
 There is clear evidence that these streets are subject to alcohol related crime and disorder by persons who have purchased alcohol in Lammas Street.
- 3. Lammas Street is the location for a number of licensed premises. There is clear evidence linking these premises to late night noise and anti-social behaviour in Lammas Street and the surrounding residential streets.
- 4. Evidence has been received that late night food outlets attract passing custom from people leaving the town centre, leading to a greater concentration of people than would otherwise be the case, before dispersing through nearby residential streets.
- 5. There have been licence applications relating to premises in Lammas Street which have highlighted issues of alcohol related anti-social behaviour and crime and disorder.

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- 6. The evidence to support the above is contained in the Policy review file and on the individual premises files held by the Licensing Section.
- 7. The Police have supplied evidence to support the ongoing need for a Cumulative Impact Assessment for Lammas Street. This is attached at appendix I.
- 8. The evidence from the consultation shows that residents are continuing to be affected by alcohol related crime and disorder, as shown on the plan attached at appendix G.

11 LICENSING HOURS

- 11.1 The Licensing Authority recognises that fixed and artificially early closing times in certain areas can lead to peaks of disorder and disturbance on the streets when large numbers of people tend to leave licensed premises at the same time. Longer licensing hours may therefore be an important factor in reducing friction at late night food outlets, taxi ranks and other sources of transport in areas where there have already been incidents of disorder and disturbance.
- 11.2 However, the Licensing Authority recognises that in certain cases, the presumed benefits of longer licensing hours may be outweighed by the disadvantages of increased public nuisance, crime and disorder. This may be particularly the case in rural or residential areas. The Licensing Authority advises applicants to address this possibility when preparing their operating schedules in accordance with section 5 of this policy.
- 11.3 As far as the Licensing Authority's overall approach to licensing hours is concerned, it has not introduced any form of zoning at present.
- 11.4 Instead, regard will be given to the individual characteristics of the premises concerned and the area in which it is located. It is recognised that pubs, nightclubs, restaurants, hotels, theatres, members clubs and community venues all contribute to the night time economy but with contrasting styles and characteristics. Proper regard will be had to those differences and the impact they are likely to have on the local community.
- 11.5 Premises licensed to sell alcohol will generally be permitted to do so during the normal hours they intend to open for business
- 11.6 Where representations are received, the Licensing Authority will deal with the issue of licensing hours on the individual merits of each application. For example, when issuing a licence, stricter controls may be imposed in the case of premises which are situated in the vicinity of residential accommodation.

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- 11.7 Applicants for new licences, or those seeking variation of their existing licences and permissions, are advised to set out in detail in their operating schedules the control measures which they intend to adopt to address the licensing objectives.
- 11.8 Applicants are strongly recommended to include provision for drinking up time in their operating schedules.

12. FILMS

12.1 In the case of premises which are used for film exhibitions, conditions will be imposed restricting access only to those who meet the required age limit in line with any certificate granted by the British Board of Film Classification or, in specific cases, a certificate given to the film by the Licensing Authority itself. The Licensing Authority has adopted a procedure for processing classification requests. Anyone wishing to obtain a certificate to show an unclassified film at a specific location is advised to contact the licensing section for a copy of the procedure prior to arranging a screening.

In recent years, the Act has been amended to exempt some types of film entertainment provided at certain locations from the requirement to be licensed between the hours of 8am and 11pm. Persons considering providing film entertainment are advised to contact the licensing section for detailed guidance regarding these exemptions.

13. INTEGRATING STRATEGIES AND THE AVOIDANCE OF DUPLICATION

- 13.1 The Policy is not intended to duplicate existing legislation and regulatory regimes that already place obligations on employers and operatives.
- 13.2 The Licensing Authority will endeavour to secure proper integration with local crime prevention, substance misuse action plans and strategies, planning, transport, tourism, cultural and health, social care and well-being strategies.
- 13.3 Where any protocols agreed with the police identify a particular need to disperse people from any areas swiftly and safely to avoid concentrations which could lead to disorder and/or nuisance, the Licensing Authority will aim to inform those responsible for providing local transportation so that arrangements can be made to reduce the potential for problems to occur.

- 13.4 The licensing authority will seek to encourage licensable activities which do not undermine the licensing objectives and which are consistent with the economic regeneration strategies and objectives of the authority, particularly those of the Llanelli town centre task force.
- 13.5 The Licensing Authority recognises that licensing applications should not be seen as a re-run of the planning application process and that there should be a clear separation of the planning and licensing regimes to avoid duplication and inefficiency. Therefore, the Licensing Authority will not insist that a premises has the benefit of appropriate planning consent before considering an application, although applicants are reminded that the local planning authority, as a relevant authority, has the power to object to the granting of a licence and/or request the imposition of conditions upon any licence granted. Applicants are also reminded that the fact that planning consent may permit them to operate until a particular hour does not mean that they will necessarily be granted a licence on the same terms as different statutory criteria is applied under the planning and licensing regimes.
- 13.6 The Licensing Authority recognises that, apart from the licensing function, there are a number of other means available for addressing issues of disorder and nuisance that can occur away from licensed premises, including:
 - a) Planning Controls.
 - b) Positive measures to create a safe and clean town centre environment in partnership with (amongst others) local businesses, transport operators and other departments of the Local Authority.
 - c) The provision of CCTV surveillance in town centres, ample taxi ranks, provision of public conveniences open late at night, street cleaning and litter patrols.
 - d) Powers of Local Authorities to designate parts of the Local Authority area as places where alcohol may not be consumed publicly.
 - e) Police enforcement of the general law concerning disorder and anti-social behaviour, including the issuing of fixed penalty notices.
 - f) The prosecution of any personal licence holder or member of staff at such premises, selling alcohol to people who are drunk.
 - g) The confiscation of alcohol from adults and children in designated areas.
 - h) Police powers to close down instantly for up to 24 hours any licensed premises or temporary events on the grounds of disorder, or the likelihood of disorder or noise from the premises causing a nuisance.
 - i) The powers of the police, other relevant authority or a local resident or business to seek a review of the licence or certificate in question.
 - j) The powers of Public Health Services to issue abatement notices under Section 80 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to prevent statutory nuisance.
- 13.7 The Licensing Authority will continue to address issues of this type through the Carmarthenshire Community Safety Partnership.

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14. LIVE MUSIC, DANCING AND THEATRE

- 14.1 In recent years, the Act has been amended by the Live Music Act, Deregulation Act and other legislative orders, which have exempted some types of entertainment provided at certain locations from the requirement to be licensed between the hours of 8am and 11pm. It should be noted that exempt entertainment is still subject to the powers under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and that live music provided at licensed premises under The Live Music Act must still promote the licensing objectives and could still be subject to a licence review. Persons considering providing entertainment are advised to contact the licensing section for detailed guidance regarding these exemptions.
- 14.2 When determining applications for live and/or community-based events the Licensing Authority will take into account the need to encourage and promote live music, dancing and theatre for the wider cultural benefit of the community as a whole, and in particular the need to support and promote the linguistic and cultural heritage of Carmarthenshire.
- 14.3 If representations are made concerning the potential for disturbance in a particular neighbourhood as a result of such activities, such representations will be balanced against the wider benefits to the community of such events taking place.
- 14.4 When attaching conditions to licences granted for such events, the Licensing Authority recognises the need to avoid measures that might deter live music, dancing or theatre by the imposition of substantial indirect costs.
- 14.5 The Licensing Authority acknowledges the advice previously received from the DCMS in this context that the views of vocal minorities should not be allowed to predominate over the general interests of the community.
- 14.6 Only conditions strictly appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives will be attached to licences for activities of this nature.

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15. SMALL SCALE TEMPORARY EVENTS

15.1 The Act provides for certain occasions when small-scale events (for no more than 499 people at any one time and lasting for no more than 168 hours) do not need a premises licence providing that advance notice is given to the Police, Environmental Health and the Licensing Authority. Only the Police or Environmental Health can object to such a Temporary Event Notice if they believe the event is likely to undermine any of the licensing objectives.

Standard Temporary Event Notices

15.2 Persons wishing to hold such events under the authority of a standard temporary event notice (TEN) must give a **minimum of 10 clear working days** notice to the Police, Environmental Health and the Licensing Authority. The addresses to which such notices must be sent can be found in Appendix C to this policy.

Late Temporary Event Notices

- 15.3 A late temporary event notice can be submitted up to **five clear working days prior to the start** of an event and must be served in the same way as
 set out above for standard TENs. However if one of the authorities objects to
 a late TEN, the Notice will not be valid and the event will not be able to go
 ahead.
- 15.4 The Licensing Authority recommends that responsible event organisers give far greater notice of events however, to ensure that potential problems can be identified and resolved well in advance. Ideally the Licensing Authority would like to receive three months notice of such 'small' temporary events, although it is recognised that this may not be practicable in some cases.
- 15.5 Those submitting Temporary Event Notices are therefore strongly recommended to contact licensing officers early in the planning of such events to obtain further guidance regarding the process.
- 15.6 Those submitting Temporary Event Notices are advised to consider the advice about organising events for 18 year olds and under which can be found at paragraph 9.9 and the impact of alcohol consumption on young people which can be found at 9.10
- 15.7 Organisers of Temporary Events are strongly advised to refer to the good practice advice contained in other sections of this policy document. In particular:-
 - Section 6 The Prevention of Crime and Disorder.

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- Section 7 Public Safety
- Section 8 The Prevention of Public Nuisance and
- Section 9 The Protection of Children From Harm

Organisers are also strongly advised to consult the Authorities listed in Annex B for advice regarding their obligations under other separate legislation.

16 LARGER OCCASIONAL EVENTS

- 16.1 Organisers of larger Occasional events involving 500 or more people will be required to submit applications for premises licences. The Licensing Authority again strongly recommends that event organisers contact licensing officers early in the planning stages of the event. Ideally the Licensing Authority would like to receive 12 months notice of any such event, although it is again recognised this may not be practicable in some cases.
- 16.2 The Following table is included as a suggested minimum period of time prior to an event for submitting a complete application, following consultations with the responsible authorities.

Maximum number of attendees at any time	Minimum notice period
500 - 999	Not less than 2 months
1000 - 2999	Not less than 3 months
3000 - 4999	Not less than 4 months
5000 - 19999	Not less than 5 months
20000 – 49999	Not less than 6 months
50000 +	Not less than 7 months

- 16.3 Organisers of all occasional events, irrespective of their size and duration, are reminded that failure to consult with the Licensing Authority and Responsible Authorities well in advance of the event taking place increases the risk of objections to the event, and the subsequent cancellation of the event itself.
- 16.4 Organisers of occasional events are advised to prepare an Event Management Plan setting out details of all aspects of the arrangements for the event. Organisers are advised to contact the licensing section for advice and guidance regarding the preparation of such management plans.
- 16.5 The Licensing Authority will establish a multi-agency advisory group, consisting of the emergency services and other council services such as Highways and Public Health, to advise and co-ordinate planning for public events in the County, irrespective of their size and duration.

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16.6 Organisers of occasional events are advised to consider the advice about events aimed at 18 year olds and under that can be found at 9.9 and the impact of alcohol consumption on young people which can be found at 9.10.

17. THE LICENSING PROCESS

- 17.1 The powers of the Licensing Authority under the Act will be carried out either by the Licensing Committee, by a sub-committee of that committee, or by one or more officers of the council in accordance with the scheme of delegation, which is prescribed from time to time by regulations and guidance under the Act. See Appendix A.
- 17.2 In general terms however, the Licensing Committee will have a largely supervisory role, contested applications will be dealt with by sub-committees, and uncontested applications by officers. See Appendix A.
- 17.3 Applicants are strongly encouraged to consult the Licensing Authority, responsible authorities, local businesses and residents whilst preparing their applications. The Licensing Authority firmly believes that this will assist applicants in identifying potential problems so that they can be addressed before they occur, and allay the fears of such businesses and residents as to the impact of the new licensing regime.
- 17.4 Applicants are strongly encouraged to make themselves aware of any relevant planning and transportation policies, tourism and cultural strategies or local crime prevention strategies and to have taken these into account, where appropriate, when formulating their operating schedules.
- 17.5 There is a presumption that a Sub Committee will not undertake site visits.

 A site visit will only be arranged where a valid representation is received and in the opinion of the licensing officer the sub committee may benefit from such a visit when determining the application. Officers will consult the chairman of the relevant Sub Committee prior to arranging a site visit.

If when dealing with applications where a site visit has not been arranged, the sub committee subsequently feels that a site visit is necessary in order to determine the application, the hearing may be deferred to allow this to take place.

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17.6 Minor Variations

The Licensing Act 2003 has been amended by the insertion of Section 41A to 41C relating to minor variations. This allows for certain small variations to be processed through a simplified 'minor variations' process.

Minor variations will generally fall into four categories:

- Minor variations to the structure or layout of the premises
- Small adjustments to licensing hours
- The removal of out of date, irrelevant or unenforceable conditions or addition of volunteered conditions
- The addition of certain licensable activities

Applicants are advised to contact the Licensing Section to discuss their proposed application prior to submitting a formal application.

17.7 Community Premises

The Licensing Act 2003 has been amended to allow certain community premises which have, or are applying for, a premises licence that authorises alcohol sales to be exempted from the need to have a designated premises supervisor.

Such an application may only be submitted where the licence holder is the management committee, who would then be responsible for the supervision and authorisation of all alcohol sales made.

Community premises are defined as church or chapel halls, village or community halls or similar buildings.

Applicants are advised to discuss their proposals with the Licensing Section prior to submitting a formal application.

Making Representations

- 17.8 Persons considering making representations in relation to an application may wish to contact the licensing section for further information regarding the application and for guidance regarding the process of making representations.
- 17.9 The Authority advises individuals wishing to make representations against submitting a petition, as it is often difficult to verify that all the signatories meet the criteria contained in the legislation for relevant representations. In line with advice from LACORS, where lengthy petitions are submitted in relation to licence applications, a lead contact should be given and the Authority will then only correspond directly with that individual. Information regarding the application will be made available upon reasonable request to other signatories of the petition.
- 17.10 In the interests of Local Authority cost and efficiency, where large numbers of representations are received regarding an application, copies of all the

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representations may not be distributed to all persons. The relevant documents will however be made available for inspection.

- 17.11 Any persons who have submitted representations are strongly advised to attend the hearing arranged to determine the application, as the committee may have to attach less weight to their representation if they are not present to answer questions regarding matters raised.
- 17.12 Where a person does not agree for their personal information being disclosed to an applicant, they are advised that this may result in less weight being attached to their representations.
- 17.13 Where a person has a genuine and well founded fear of intimidation and may be deterred from making a representation, they are advised to consider contacting the relevant Responsible Authority to discuss their concerns regarding the application.
- 17.14 Any person may make relevant representations in respect of licence applications.
- 17.15 Persons who make representations are expected to set out in detail the problems complained of and how they affect them.

18. LICENCE REVIEWS

- 18.1 At any stage following the grant of a premises licence, any person or responsible authority may ask the Licensing Authority to review the licence because of problems arising at the premises in connection with any of the four licensing objectives. In addition, a review of the licence will normally follow any action by the police to close down premises for up to twenty-four hours on grounds of disorder or public nuisance.
- 18.2 Any person who wishes to apply to review a licence or certificate are reminded that such an application cannot be made on a confidential basis. It is a requirement of the Act that the identity of the person or organisation making the application be disclosed in order for the request to be valid.
- 18.3 Where the application for a review originates with a person other than a responsible authority the Licensing Authority will first consider whether the request made is irrelevant, vexatious, frivolous or repetitious. This decision will be made by officers of the Licensing Authority in conjunction with the Chair or Vice Chair of the Licensing Committee.
- 18.4 Nothing in this policy shall be taken to prevent any individual making separate applications for the review of different licences, or more than one application

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for the review of the same licence where such requests are based on different complaints or evidence.

18.5 Following receipt of an application for review or where the closure procedures referred to in paragraph 18.1 above apply, the Licensing Authority will arrange a hearing, which will be conducted in accordance with the prescribed regulations.

19. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 19.1 In the first instance, individuals or groups with concerns about particular premises are encouraged to raise their concerns directly with the applicant or licensee concerned.
- 19.2 Where the following have occurred the Licensing Authority will offer to arrange for mediation between the parties concerned to try to address, clarify and resolve the issues in dispute:
 - a) A valid representation regarding a licence application
 - b) A valid request for the review of a licence
 - c) A valid complaint about licensed premises.
- 19.3 This offer will not override the right of any party to ask that the Licensing Committee (through it's sub-committees) consider their representation, request or objection, nor the right of any applicant or licensee to refuse to take part in the mediation process.

20. ENFORCEMENT

- 20.1 The Licensing Authority has established protocols with the police and other enforcing authorities. These protocols will provide for the targeting of unlicensed premises, problem premises and high-risk premises, but with a lighter touch being applied to those premises which are shown to be well managed and maintained.
 - The authority has established a Licensing Action Group to provide a forum for representatives of the responsible authorities to meet regularly to focus coordinated action in respect of clubs or premises which are a source of complaint or concerns.
- 20.2 In establishing whether premises are high risk, regard will be had to the following:

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- a) Intelligence relating to disorder and/or nuisance at, or in the vicinity of the premises.
- b) Intelligence relating to the sale/consumption of alcoholic drinks at, or in the vicinity of the premises by persons under age.
- c) Intelligence relating to drug taking and/or dealing at, or in the vicinity of the premises.
- d) Intelligence relating to irresponsible drinks promotions at the premises.
- e) Intelligence relating to binge drinking at the premises.
- f) Whether the premises can be categorised at any time as high volume or high-density vertical drinking establishments.
- 20.3 In general, action will only be taken in accordance with set enforcement principles and in line with the Licensing Authority's own enforcement policy. To this end, the key principles of consistency, transparency and proportionality will be maintained.

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DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS

Matter to be dealt with	Full Committee	Sub Committee	Officers
Application for personal		If a Police	If no objection
licence		objection	made
Application for personal		All cases	
licence with unspent			
convictions			
Application for premises		If a relevant	If no relevant
licence/club premises		representation	representation
certificate		made	made
Application for provisional		If a relevant	If no relevant
statement		representation	representation
		made	made
Application to vary		If a relevant	If no relevant
premises licence/club		representation	representation
premises certificate		made	made
Application to vary		If a Police	All other cases
Designated Premises		objection	
Supervisor			
Request to be removed as			All cases
Designated Premises			
Supervisor		_	
Suspension or revocation		All Cases	
of a personal licence		-	
Application for transfer of		If a Police	All other cases
premises licence		objection	

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Applications for interim	If a Police	All other cases
authorities	objection	
Application to review	All cases	
premises licence/club		
premises certificate		
Decision on whether a		All cases
representation or review		(In consultation with
application is irrelevant,		the Chair or Vice
frivolous, vexatious etc.		Chair of Licensing)
Decision to object when	All cases	
local authority is a		
consultee and not the		
relevant authority		
considering the application		
Determination of a Police	All cases	
objection to a temporary		
event notice		
Adjourning a sub		In consultation with
committee where all		sub-committee
parties consent		chairperson
Film Classification	Film not	Previously
Request	previously	classified film to be
	classified	shown at different
		premises

Appendix B

CONTACT DETAILS

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Ammanford Carmarthenshire SA18 2LS

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The relevant Planning Authority for your premises:-

Either

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Brecon Beacons National Park, for premises within its administrative area

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The relevant Health and Safety authority for your premises

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Or

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Applicants for licences in respect of vessels should contact the Licensing Authority for additional information.

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ADDRESSES FOR SERVICE OF TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICES

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Envelopes should be marked 'URGENT TEMPORARY EVENTS NOTICE'

Appendix D

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ADDRESSES FOR SERVICE OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES

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The Relevant planning Authority

Either,

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Or

Brecon Beacons National Park, for premises within its administrative area

Enforcement Officer
Brecon Beacons National Park Authority
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Trading Standards Manager
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County Commander
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The relevant Health and safety authority for your premises,

Either

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Department for Communities
Carmarthenshire County Council
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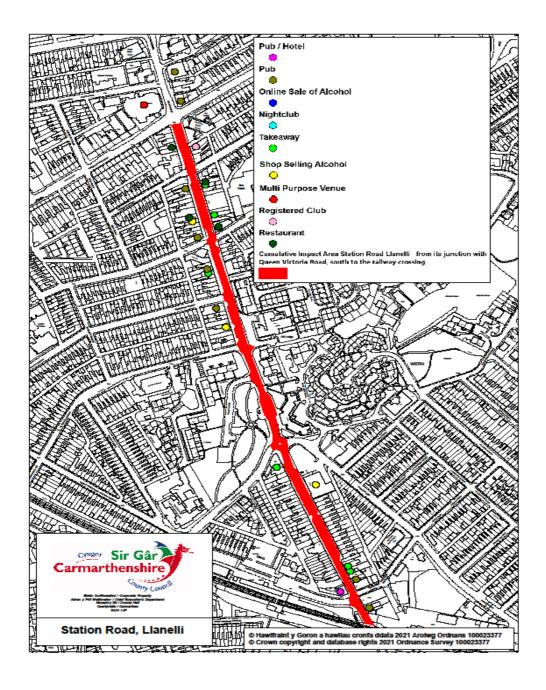
Or

Health and Safety Executive Services Division Ty Myrddin Old Station Road Carmarthen Carmarthenshire SA31 1LP

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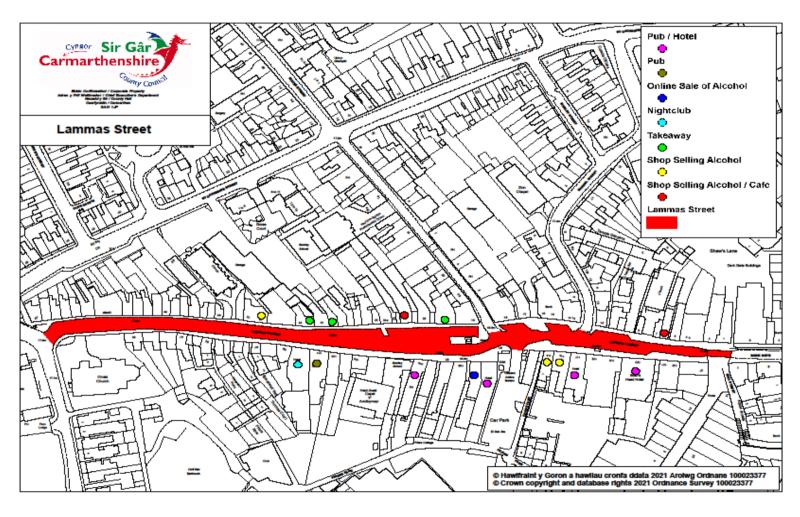


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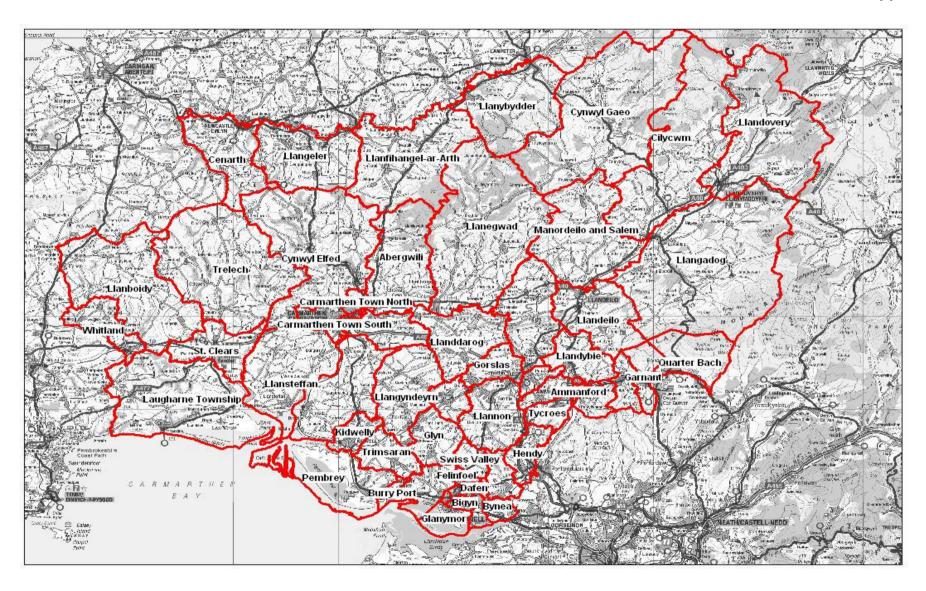
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Cumulative Impact Consultation 2021 Lammas Street, Carmarthen and Station Road, Llanelli.

Carmarthenshire County Council is currently undertaking a review of its Licensing Policy which outlines the Authority's approach to licensing Premises, Clubs, Temporary Events and Personal Licences. I am aware that the consultation was originally planned to commence in March 2020, however as a consequence of the current pandemic there has been a delay and the consultation has been amended to focus on the main statutory areas for consultation and will be open for a limited period. I am also aware that it is proposed that a further more detailed consultation will be undertaken once the pandemic has ended. As a Responsible Authority under the legislation, I have included feedback from colleagues and myself with the aim to highlight the extent to which alcohol related crime and disorder is impacting within Lammas Street and Station Road based on Police statistics.

Due to such unprecedented times, the review period is for 2018/19 and 2019/20. This period will provide a clearer and more unambiguous picture of alcohol related crime and disorder rather than up-to-date data due to COVID 19 and its impact on alcohol related crime and disorder statistics due to public houses & nightclubs etc not operating to their normal capacity since April 2020 and the number of closures of such premises during this period.

The statistics provided in this report in relation to alcohol related crime are likely to represent a very substantial under estimation of the true nature and extent of the problem. Police data particularly can seriously underestimate the amount violent crime actually taking place. It is too complex to give the true picture regarding how many crimes have been committed by an offender who was under the influence of alcohol (alcohol related offender) due to a proportion of offences being undetected, therefore not knowing if the offender had consumed any alcohol at the time of committing the crime. There may be a time lapse in the reporting of offences, again making it difficult to establish if it was an alcohol related incident. Offender(s) may have also left the scene prior to Police arrival.

Carmarthen Town Overview

During the 2018-19 and 2019-20 there were a total of 3,553 crimes reported to have occurred in Carmarthen Town (Carmarthen South, Carmarthen West and Carmarthen Town combined). Of those 3,555 crimes, 611 were alcohol related (17%). During the

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same period in addition to this, there were a total of 1,150 calls for Police service relating to incidents of anti-social behaviour, 96 of those ASB incidents were recorded as being alcohol related (8%).

Alcohol Related Crime in Lammas Street, Carmarthen

Of those 3,553 crimes recorded within Carmarthen Town, 213 were recorded to have occurred within Lammas Street. A half of those crimes were recorded as being alcohol related (107 crimes). However, this figure is highly likely to be under estimated for the reasons details in the report limitations section. The table below (figure 1) gives a breakdown of where those 213 offences occurred and what volume of those crimes were alcohol related.

Figure 1: Crime in Lammas Street by Location Type

Location Type	Total Volume	Volume Alcohol Related	% Alcohol Related
Dwelling	16	3	3%
Public House/Night Club	70	45	42%
Other Licensed Premises	8	6	6%
Public Highway	93	45	42%
Other Commercial/Retail Premises	19	5	5%
Other Building	7	3	3%

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⊥Total	213	107	50%
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The largest volume of the 213 crimes committed in Lammas Street occurred on a public highway (44%). A third of all crime was associated with a public house or nightclub. A further 4% occurred at other licensed premises.

Alcohol was a factor in 42% of crimes associated with public houses/nightclubs and also in crimes committed on a public highway respectively.

The table on the subsequent page gives a breakdown of the 107 alcohol related crimes committed in Lammas Street by crime type.

Figure 2: Alcohol Related Crime in Lammas Street by Crime Type

Crime Type	Total Alcohol Related	% Alcohol Related
Assaults	69	64%
Criminal Damage	9	8%
Drug Offences	2	2%
Harassment	1	1%
Other Theft	3	3%
Possession of a Weapon	3	3%
Public Order	14	13%
Shoplifting	5	5%

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Threats to Kill	1	1%
Total	107	100%

The majority of alcohol related crime in Lammas Street were assaults (64%, 69 out of 107 crimes), followed by public order offences accounting for 13% (14 crimes) and criminal damage accounting for 8% (9 crimes)

Alcohol Related ASB in Lammas Street, Carmarthen

Of the 1,150 reported incidents of ASB in Carmarthen Town during the review period, 8% occurred in Lammas Street (91 incidents). The table on the subsequent page (figure 3) gives a breakdown of where those 91 incidents occurred and what volume of those incidents were alcohol related. Again this figure is likely to be under estimated.

Analysis of ASB calls for service shows that 16 of the 91 ASB incidents in Lammas Street were alcohol related (18% of total). However, overall 27 of the 91 incidents were associated with a public house/nightclub (30%).

Figure 3: ASB in Lammas Street by Location Type

Location Type	Total Volume	Volume Alcohol Related	% Alcohol Related
Dwelling	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0%
Public House/Night Club	<u>27</u>	9	33%
Other Licensed Premises	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0%</u>
Public Highway	43	<u>6</u>	14%

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Other Commercial/Retail Premises	13	1	8%
Other Building	3	<u>0</u>	0%
<u>Total</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>18%</u>

Temporal Factors

During the 2 year review period there have been a total of 305 alcohol related crimes recorded between the hours of 10pm and 6am across Carmarthen Town, 28% of those crimes (87 crimes) were committed in Lammas Street.

Over the same two year period there were a total of 213 crimes reported to have occurred along Lammas Street, 70% of those crimes (150 crimes) were committed between the hours of 10pm and 6am with 58% of those crimes being alcohol related (87 crimes).

This can be broken down further to days of the week and times. With Sunday being the peak day for alcohol related crimes (relative to the late night and evening economy from the Saturday night) followed by Saturday, Thursday and Monday.

The peak times where these crimes are reported are between 11pm and 3am.

Sergeant Elaine Roberts runs the Neighbourhood Policing team in Carmarthen having an office located in the town centre. Sergeant Roberts states "As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic there have been several national lockdowns in addition to the firebreak lockdown in November 2020, all of which have resulted in strict restrictions on our communities and businesses alike.

The hospitality industry has experienced significant restriction in the form of limited trading hours with lower capacities in venues including public houses and restaurants which has resulted in a limited number of customers attending each venue.

Having reviewed the data and through local knowledge it is wildly accepted that the vast majority of Violent crime, public order and alcohol related incidents in Lammas Street are as a direct result of the night time economy at that location.

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In short I believe that the reason why this location has been identified as a hotspot for crime and disorder is due to the fact that over the past few years this is where all the late night attractions have been located.

There are a number of Licensed premises located within close proximity to each other coupled with the late night take-away restaurants, adding to the attraction of Lammas Street is the town's taxi rank.

Due to the fact that the other licenced premises in the town centre close at an earlier time it is unsurprising that members of the public who wish to continue with their socialising all head up towards the offerings of Lammas Street and in effect causing a bottle neck where everybody comes together with some individuals being more intoxicated than others which has often resulted in instances of violence and disorder.

I suspect that if other locations in the town centre, such as King Street had offerings of late night hospitality venues such as public houses and or take-away restaurants in addition to another taxi rank this would reduce the intensity of people in Lammas Street and also reduce the number of reported incidents in this area.

I would strongly oppose for any further late night hospitality venues, be it a public house or a take-away restaurant to be granted permission to operate in Lammas Street as this would contribute towards further incidents of crime and disorder in the area."

Llanelli Town Overview

During the 2018-19 and 2019-20 there were a total of 7,362 crimes reported to have occurred Llanelli Town (Bigyn, Elli, Glanymor, Hengoed, Lliedi and Tyisha wards combined). Of those 7,362 crimes, 843 were alcohol related (11%). During the same period in addition to this, there were a total of 2,897 calls for Police service relating to incidents of anti-social behaviour, 223 of those ASB incidents were recorded as being alcohol related (8%).

Alcohol Related Crime in Station Road, Llanelli

Of those 7,362 crimes recorded within Llanelli Town, 483 (7%) were recorded to have occurred in Station Road, with 27% of those crimes recorded as being alcohol related (131 crimes). However, this figure is highly likely to be under estimated for the reasons details in the report limitations section. The table below (figure 4) gives a breakdown of where those 477 offences occurred and what volume of those crimes were alcohol related.

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Figure 4: Crime in Station Road by Location Type

Location Type	Total Volume	Volume Alcohol Related	% Alcohol Related
Dwelling	144	26	18%
Public House/Night Club	95	53	56%
Other Licensed Premises	93	20	22%
Public Highway	110	23	21%
Other Commercial/Retail Premises	27	9	33%
Other Building	14	0	0%
Total	483	131	27%

In relation to the 93 crimes that occurred in other licensed premises, it is known that 20 offender were under the influence of alcohol when the offences occurred. In addition to this 32 of the 93 crimes (34%) related to the shoplifting of alcohol

The table on the subsequent page (figure 5) gives a breakdown of the 131 alcohol related crimes committed in Station Road by crime type.

Figure 5: Alcohol Related Crime in Station Road by Crime Type

Crime Type	Total Alcohol Related	% Alcohol Related
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Assaults	79	60%
Criminal Damage	10	8%
Drug Offences	1	1%
Harassment	3	2%
Possession of a Weapon	1	1%
Public Order	8	6%
Robbery	2	2%
Sexual Offences	3	2%
Theft	20	15%
Threats to Kill	4	3%
Total	131	100%

Alcohol Related ASB in Station Road, Llanelli

Of the 2,897 reported incidents of ASB in Llanelli Town during the review period, 8% occurred along Station Road (217 incidents). The table on the subsequent page (figure 6) gives a breakdown of where those 217 incidents occurred and what volume of those incidents were alcohol related. Again this figure is likely to be under estimated.

Analysis of ASB calls for service reveals that 21 of the 217 ASB incidents along Station Road were alcohol related (10% of total). However, overall 42 of the 217 incidents were associated with a public house/nightclub (30%) and a further 25 (12%) were associated with other licensed premises.

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Figure 6: ASB in Station Road by Location Type

Location Type	Total Volume	Volume Alcohol Related	% Alcohol Related	
Dwelling	1	1	100%	
Public House/Night Club	42	4	10%	
Other Licensed Premises	25	0	0%	
Public Highway	118	9	8%	
Other Commercial/Retail Premises	16	7	44%	
Other Building	15	0	0%	
Total	217	21	10%	

Temporal Factors

During the 2 year review period there have been a total of 450 alcohol related crimes recorded between the hours of 10pm and 6am across Llanelli Town, 19% of those crimes (87 crimes) were committed along Station Road.

Over the same two year period there were a total of 483 crimes reported to have occurred along Station Road, 45% of those crimes (217 crimes) were committed between the hours of 10pm and 6am with 39% of those crimes being alcohol related (84 crimes).

This can be broken down further to days of the week and times. With Sunday being the peak day for alcohol related crimes (relative to the late night and evening economy from the Saturday night) followed by Saturday, Thursday and Monday.

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The peak times where these crimes are reported are between 10pm and 3am.

Police Sergeant Ben Ashton who runs the Neighbourhood Policing Team in Llanelli adds: "I support the Cumulative Impact assessment and would recommend there be continued restrictions of licenced premises in Llanelli Town. Discussing the area with the neighbourhood policing team, it is believed if the current restrictions were lifted there would be a large increase in ASB and drink related crime.

In addition to the statistical data, a "feet on the ground" report from NPT would include that drink related ASB does still occur on and around Station Road. ASB has taken place by large groups gathering whilst intoxicated on the street. These groups are often loud, swearing and can be seen to be intimidating to members of the community who live on and around the street. While part of Station Road has commercial properties there is a still a large number of residential properties on the street and nearby adjoining streets. The ASB taking place in Station Road will often dissipate into the surrounding residential streets. Figures for 2020 will likely be skewed due to lockdown and hospitality sector being closed but it was very noticeable when the hospitality sector resumed trading there appeared to be an increase of ASB including residents having doors kicked, windows smashed and cars damaged.

The night time economy used to be stronger in Llanelli as a whole. Given the layout of Station Road there were often issues of drunk persons crossing the road haphazardly with little regard to their safety and other road users. The street offers little in the way of traffic calming and protection to anyone intoxicated crossing or standing in the road. A pedestrian (not intoxicated) suffered serious injuries after a car collided with him travelling between 51-53mph February 2020.

The ASB impact of drinking in Llanelli Town has caused the need for a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to be put in place and Station Road is included in that area. We have been working hard to reduce the number of people gathering and drinking in a cemetery on a street just off Station Road during the day and night. In the last 9 months there have been 75 alcohol seizures in Llanelli, 71 of these have been within 5 a minute walk of Station Road.

Station Road is within the Tyisha ward which is undergoing a regeneration project to reduce crime and disorder. Part of the project includes building new family housing on and around the Station Road area. The ASB generated by those frequenting licensed premises is contrary to the objectives of the regeneration project.

Littering in Station Road and in the rear lanes is a common occurrence and often cans and takeaway rubbish is left behind. This is in addition to cases of fly tipping and we often work with partners at the council and fire service to tackle fly tipping issues.

STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

Dyfed-Powys Police support maintaining Cumulative Impact assessments at Station Road, Llanelli and Lammas Street in Carmarthen.

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Consultation Report

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CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL Licensing Policy Consultation

INTRODUCTION & CONTEXT

On a periodic basis – at least once every five years – the local authority is legally required to review its Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003 to ensure fitness for purpose. The current policy was adopted by the authority in January 2019 following a consultation regarding adopting a Cumulative Impact Assessment for Lammas street Carmarthen. Prior to this, the last full review of the licensing Policy took place in 2015/16 therefore a policy review consultation was planned to commence in March 2020, however as a consequence of the Coronavirus pandemic, it was paused until a more appropriate time and to see if the statutory review period would be extended.

As the 5-year review period was not been extended, the consultation was amended to focus on the main statutory areas for consultation and remained open for a more limited period of 4 weeks commencing on the 14th of December 2020 and ending on the 10th of January 2021. In view of the revised consultation exercise it is proposed that a further more detailed consultation will be undertaken once the Coronavirus emergency period has ended.

Consultation is an intrinsic part of this process: the policy must be responsive to local needs, it should take under advisement comments from myriad stakeholders and seek evidence that will help evaluate progress against its statutory objectives.

This report, incorporating the results of the public consultation and the authority's response in summary form, will go to the Licensing Committee and then on to Executive Board and finally to full Council.

This report:

- 1) Outlines the approach and consultation methods deployed;
- 2) Summarises results and key findings;
- 3) Considers free-text responses from residents, licence holders, organisations and town and community councils in a summary matrix table;
- 4) Provides a conclusion

1) OUTLINE OF APPROACH AND CONSULTATION METHODS

A mixed-methods approach to ascertaining views on Carmarthenshire's Licensing Policy was employed to gather quantitative and qualitative data for analytical and evaluative purposes. Specifically, the consultation focused on identifying whether alcohol related anti-social behaviour continues to be a problem in Lammas Street, Carmarthen and Station Road, Llanelli and whether there is evidence to support retaining the Cumulative Impact Assessments for Lammas Street, Carmarthen and Station Road, Llanelli .

In accordance with the Licensing Act 2003, a number of statutory consultees were engaged throughout the consultation. This included:

- the chief officer of police
- the fire authority

- persons/bodies representative of local premises licence holders
- persons/bodies representative of local club premises certificate holders
- persons/bodies representative of local personal licences
- persons/bodies representative of businesses and residents in the area

More generally, the following mechanisms and consultation channels were utilised:

Publicity

The consultation was publicised through the Council's press office, through means including: press releases; information on the Council's website; online consultation portal and through social media feeds.

Carmarthenshire Citizens' Panel & 50+ Forum

Carmarthenshire's Citizens' Panel (a representative group comprising c. 557 members) – and 50+ Forum (2700 members aged 50 plus) are a useful barometer of public opinion and are regularly consulted on Council services. Information was disseminated electronically to members on email: c. 281 Citizens' Panel and c. 759 50+ members.

Survey

Surveys are a cost-effective method for finding out stakeholders' views and can be administered in a variety of different ways. An electronic and paper survey was thus selected as the principal method for gathering data. The survey contained a number of fixed-response (closed) and free-response (open) questions. Furthermore, the survey encouraged respondents to upload/attach evidence to support their submission.

The on-line survey was made available through Carmarthenshire County Council's consultation page. In addition to listed statutory consultees, links to the survey were circulated to members of the Citizens Panel, 50+ Forum, county councillors and town and community councils, licence holders, licensing solicitors, neighbouring licensing authorities, MPs and AMs. Taken as a whole, consultation invites were sent to over 2000 individuals and organisations.

The consultation exercise resulted in submissions from a wide section of the community.

Are you responding as a	
Premises licence holder	15 (39%)
Personal licence holder	3 (8%)
Club premises certificate holder	-
Member of the Public	4 (11%)
Local business	3 (8%)
Body representing local businesses	-
Body/ Person representing members of the Public (e.g. County councillors; Town & Community Council)	6 (10%)
Body representing licence holders/clubs	4 (16%)
Responsible authorities (i.e. Police, Health board, etc.)	3 (8%)

2) KEY QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS FROM THE SURVEY

In order to illustrate the key findings of the survey, this section will be structured by considering each quantitative survey question in turn. In section 3, comments from the consultation will be considered separately in a matrix table, whether these have arisen through survey submission, or letter or email submissions.

About the Average Index Score (AIS)

Sometimes known as a 'weighted average', the AIS is a way of distilling the 'balance and strength of opinion' down into one number. Useful for questions with options to 'strongly agree', 'disagree', etc., the technique is used throughout the report.

Example

10 people are asked whether they 'strongly agree', 'agree', 'have no opinion', 'disagree' or 'strongly disagree' that Wales will win the six nations.

Results...

- 3 strongly agree (each response worth 2, so=6)
- 3 agree (each response worth 1, so=3)
- 1 no opinion (each response worth 0, so=0)
- 1 disagree (each response worth -1, so= -1)
- 2 strongly disagree (each response worth -2, so=-4)

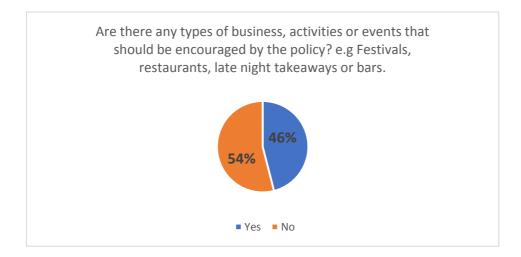
The AIS is calculated by <u>adding</u> all the numbers in bold: So, 6+3+0-1-4=4; <u>Then dividing</u> by the number of responses (10 in this case). The average index score is: $4\div10=0.4$



1. Respondents were asked whether they believe that certain issues are problematic in their local area. Respondents were asked to what extent are specific alcohol-related issues a problem in their local area. A summary is provided in the table below:

	Serious problem	Moderate problem	Minor problem	Not a problem
Anti social behaviour	22.20%	24.00%	13.20%	14.00%
Alcohol related violence	5.60%	20.00%	10.50%	16.10%
Alcohol related litter	16.70%	20.00%	23.70%	11.20%
Street drinking	5.60%	8.00%	18.40%	16.10%
Noise disturbance	22.20%	16.00%	10.50%	14.70%
Criminal damage	22.20%	4.00%	21.10%	14.00%
other	5.60%	8.00%	2.60%	14.00%

Respondents were also encouraged to provide any other businesses, activities or events which should be included in the policy. 46% of respondents indicated that the policy should include additional businesses and events. A total of 12 respondents took the opportunity to note that Festivals (n=9) and restaurants (n=3) should be included.



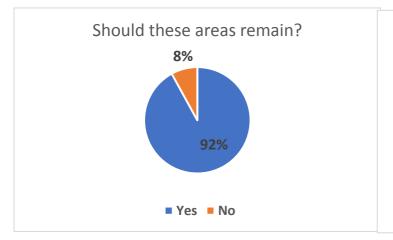
Respondents were asked whether they agree that the Licensing policy hot spots should remain and whether additional areas needed to be added. At present the Licensing Policy identifies areas as hot spots of alcohol related crime and disorder.

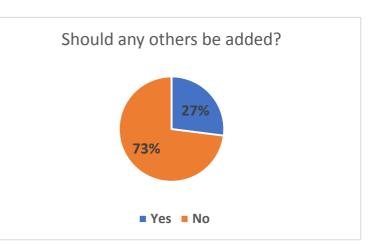
The hot spot areas have been identified by Dyfed Powys Police and are intended to highlight areas within the county where applicants and existing licence holders are strongly advised to have appropriate measures in place to prevent crime and disorder on these streets. The areas include:

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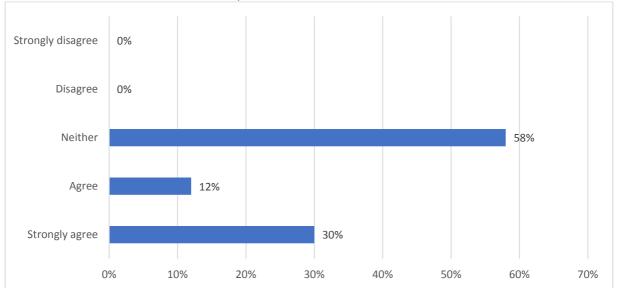
Carmarthen - Coracle Way, Lammas Street, Water Street, Priory Street, Queen Street, King Street, Nott Square.

Llanelli - Murray Street, Station Road, Stepney Street, Ann Street.

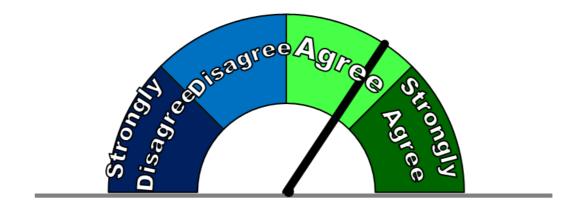




2. Do you agree that there continues to be a problem with alcohol related anti-social behaviour in Lammas Street, Carmarthen?



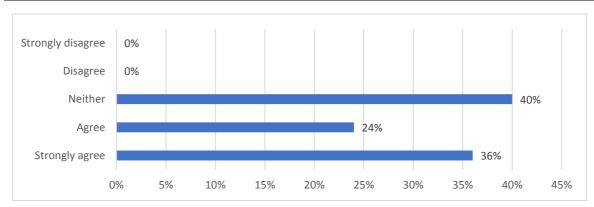
As pictured in the chart above, 42% of respondents either agreed (12%) or strongly agreed (30%) that Lammas Street, Carmarthen continues to have a problem with alcohol related anti-social behaviour. This amounted to 14 out of 33 of responses to this question. It was also seen that 58% of responses neither agreed nor disagreed with the statement. It was seen that 0% disagreed that there continues to be a problem. That the majority of respondents consider there continues to be a problem with alcohol related anti-social behaviour on Lamas Street which is highlighted by a positive Average Index Score (AIS) of 0.73 (plotted below).



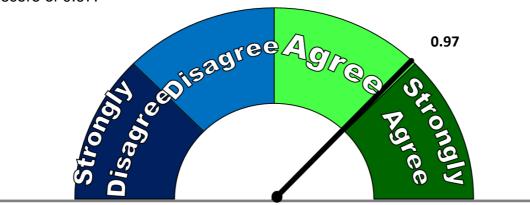
- 4. The following question asked residents to indicate on a likert scale their agreement to these statements.
 - A Cumulative Impact Policy is still needed for Lammas Street, Carmarthen
 - The cumulative impact assessment should continue to apply to premises that wish to sell alcohol for consumption on the premises.
 - The cumulative impact assessment should continue to apply to premises that wish to sell alcohol for consumption off the premises.
 - The cumulative impact assessment should continue to apply to premises that wish to provide late night refreshment (e.g. Take away premises).

Firstly, 60% (n=20) of respondents agreed that a Cumulative Impact Policy is still needed for Lammas Street, Carmarthen. It was seen that 36% (n=12) of participants strongly agreed with this statement whilst 24% (n=8) agreed. Conversely, no respondents feel that there is still no need for a Cumulative Impact Policy for Lammas Street. The results can be seen in the bar chart below.

4a) A Cumulative Impact Policy is still needed for Lammas Street, Carmarthen

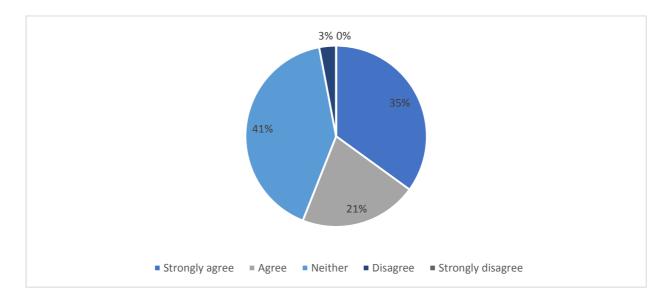


As seen in the speedometer below, on average, respondents agreed that Lammas Street, Carmarthen still requires a Cumulative Impact Policy as represented by an AIS score of 0.97.



4b) The cumulative impact assessment should continue to apply to premises that wish to sell alcohol for consumption on the premises.

When examining respondents thoughts on whether they agreed that the policy should continue to apply to premises that wish to sell alcohol for consumption on the premesis, it was seen that 1 in 3 strongly agreed (35%). Moreover, 21% of respondents agreed with this statement. 41% of participants noted that they neither agreed nor disagreed with the statement. Whilst 3% (n=1) disagreed that the policy should continue to apply to premises that wish to sell alcohol for consumption on the premesis on Lammas Street. Not one respondent strongly disagreed with this statement. The results can be seen in the pie chart below.

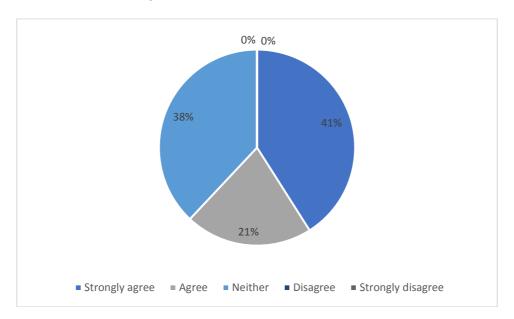


The table below shows the overall AIS in order to better understand the result. A range of +2 (strongly agree) to -2 (strongly disagree) is used. It is evident that on average, respondents agreed that the policy should continue to apply to premises that wish to sell alcohol for consumption on the premesis on Lammas Street with an AIS score of 0.88. Due to the lack of respondents (n=<5) the analysis could not produce a reliable AIS score because of the insufficient number.

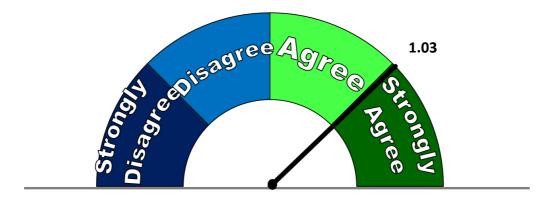


4c) The cumulative impact assessment should continue to apply to premises that wish to sell alcohol for consumption off the premises.

62% of respondents strongly agreed or agreed that the Cumulative Impact Policy should continue to apply to premises that wish to sell alcohol for consumption off the premises on Lammas Street. Most of the respondents 'strongly agreed' with the question (41%) whilst another 21% agreed. 38% of participants noted that they neither agreed nor disagreed. 0% of the respondents noted that they disagree. Results can be seen in the pie chart below.

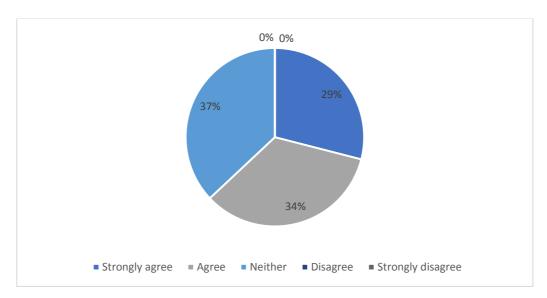


Overall, it was seen that respondents strongly agree that there is a need for a Cumulative Impact Policy should continue to apply to premises that wish to sell alcohol for consumption off the premises on Lammas Street. This is pictured below and reflected with an average index score of 1.03.

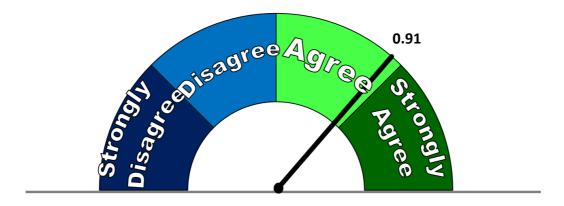


4d) The cumulative impact assessment should continue to apply to premises that wish to provide late night refreshment (e.g. Take away premises).

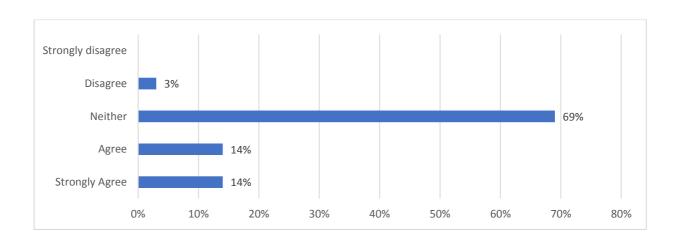
63% of respondents strongly agreed or agreed that the Cumulative Impact Policy should continue to apply to premises that wish to provide late night refreshment (e.g. Take away premises) on Lammas Street. Most of the respondents 'agreed' with the question (34%) whilst another 29% strongly agreed. 37% of participants noted that they neither agreed nor disagreed. 0% of the respondents noted that they disagree. Results can be seen in the pie chart below.



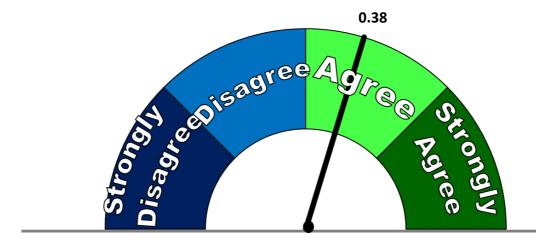
Overall, it was seen that respondents agree that there is a need for a Cumulative Impact Policy should continue to apply to premises that wish to provide late night refreshment (e.g. Take away premises) on Lammas Street. This is pictured below and reflected with an average index score of 0.91.



5. Do you agree that there continues to be a problem with alcohol related antisocial behaviour in the specific area of Station Road, Llanelli?



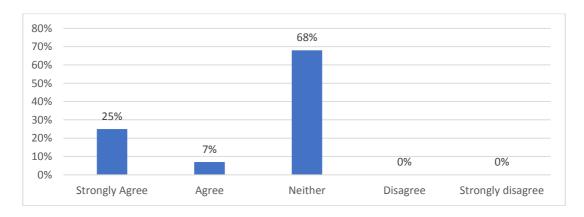
As pictured in the chart above, 28% of respondents either agreed (14%) or strongly agreed (14%) that Station Road, Llanelli continues to have a problem with alcohol related anti-social behaviour. This amounted to 8 out of 29 of responses to this question. It was also seen that 69% of responses neither agreed nor disagreed with the statement. It was seen that 3% disagreed that there continues to be a problem. That the majority of respondents consider there continues to be a problem with alcohol related anti-social behaviour on Station Road, Llanelli which is highlighted by a positive Average Index Score (AIS) of 0.38 (plotted below).



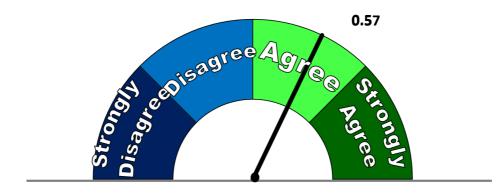
- 6. The following question asked respondents to note to what extent did they agree or disagree with the following statements:
- A cumulative impact assessment is still needed for the specific area of Station Road, Llanelli
- The cumulative impact assessment should continue to apply to premises that wish to sell alcohol for consumption on the premises.
- The cumulative impact assessment should continue to apply to premises that wish to sell alcohol for consumption off the premises.
- The cumulative impact assessment should continue to apply to premises that wish to provide late night refreshment (e.g. Take away premises).

Firstly, it was seen that 32% (n=9) of the respondents agreed that the cumulative impact policy is still needed for the specific area of Station Road, Llanelli. Of the 32% that agreed, 25% strongly agreed with this statement. 19 individuals (68%) noted that they did not agree nor disagree with the statement, whilst 0% disagreed. Results can be seen in the bar graph below.

6a) A cumulative impact assessment is still needed for the specific area of Station Road, Llanelli

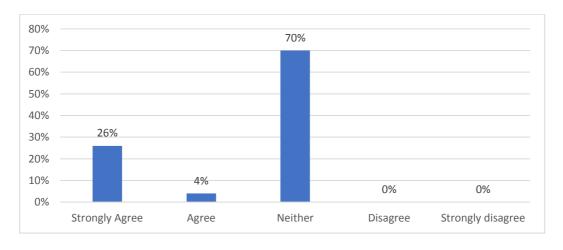


As pictured on the speedometer below, on average, respondents agreed that the cumulative impact policy is still needed for the specific area of Station Road, Llanelli. This is represented by an average index score of 0.57.

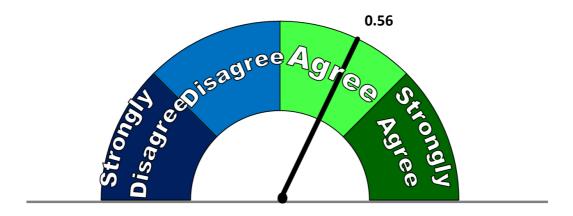


Secondly, when asked if respondents agree that the cumulative impact assessment should continue to apply to premises that wish to sell alcohol for consumption on the premises, it was seen that 26% (n=7) and 4% (n=1) of respondents strongly agreed and agreed, respectively. A high percentage of respondents (70%; n=19) neither agreed nor disagreed with the question. 0% of participants indicated that they disagree with the statement. Moreover, not one respondent noted that they strongly disagree with the question. The results are displayed in the bar chart below.

6b) The cumulative impact assessment should continue to apply to premises that wish to sell alcohol for consumption on the premises.

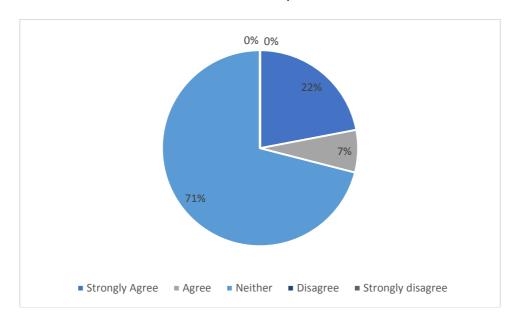


Overall, it was seen that respondents agreed that the cumulative impact policy should continue to apply to premises that wish to sell alcohol for consumption on the premises on Station Road, Llanelli. This is reflected by an Average index score of 0.56 and is pictured below.

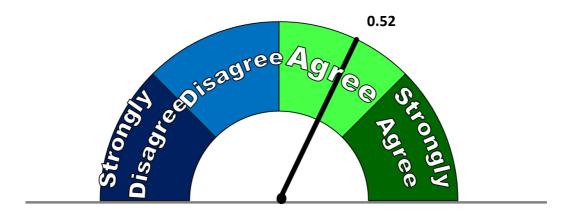


6c) The cumulative impact assessment should continue to apply to premises that wish to sell alcohol for consumption off the premises.

The majority of participants (71%) neither agreed nor disagreed that the cumulative impact policy continue to apply to premises that wish to sell alcohol for consumption off the premises on Station Road, Llanelli. It was seen that 1 in 5 (22%) of respondents strongly agreed whilst 7% agreed. Not one participant noted that they disagreed with the question. Results are demonstrated in the pie chart below.

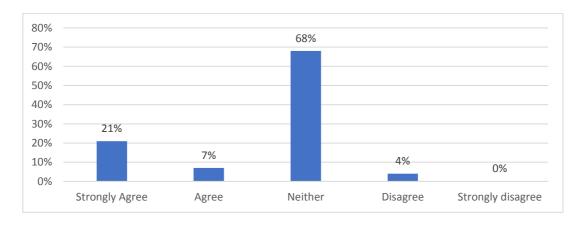


Overall, it was seen that respondents agreed that the cumulative impact policy should continue to apply to premises that wish to sell alcohol for consumption off the premises on Station Road, Llanelli. This is reflected by an Average index score of 0.52 and is pictured below.

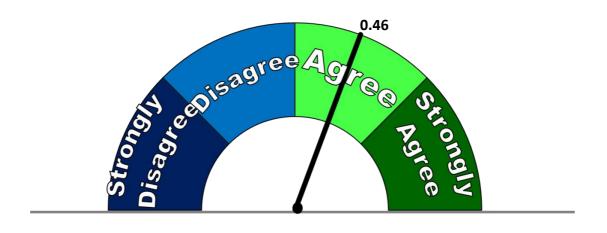


6d) The cumulative impact assessment should continue to apply to premises that wish to provide late night refreshment (e.g. Take away premises).

A high percentage of respondents (68%) neither agreed nor disagreed that the cumulative impact policy should continue to apply to premises that wish to provide late night refreshment (e.g. Take away premises) Station Road, Llanelli. It was seen that 1 in 5 (21%) of respondents strongly agreed whilst 7% agreed. Only one participant (4%) noted that they disagreed with the question. Results are demonstrated in the pie chart below.

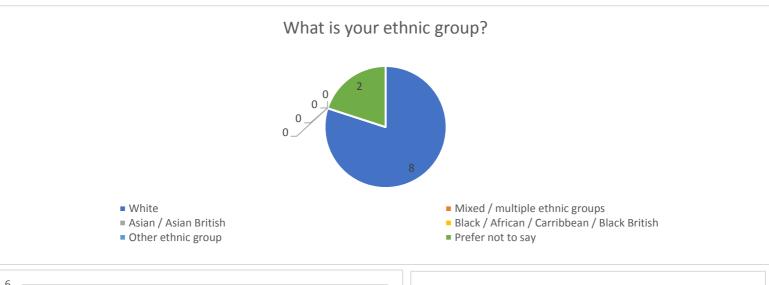


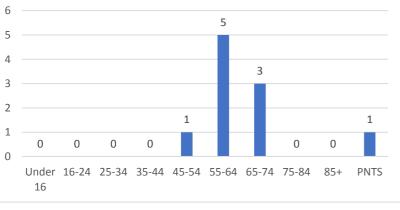
Overall, it was seen that respondents agreed that the cumulative impact policy should continue to apply to premises that wish provide late night refreshment (e.g. Take away premises) in Station Road, Llanelli. This is reflected by an Average index score of 0.46 and is pictured below.

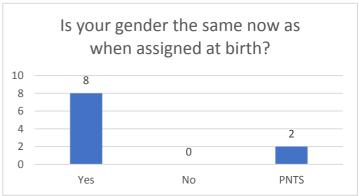


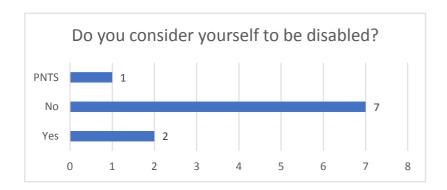
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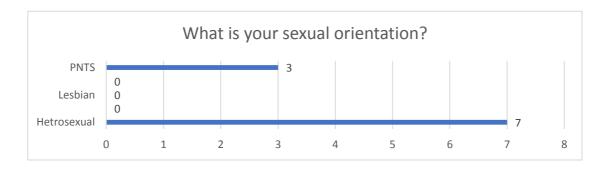
A total of 10 respondents entered demographic information. A summary of the results is provided below.

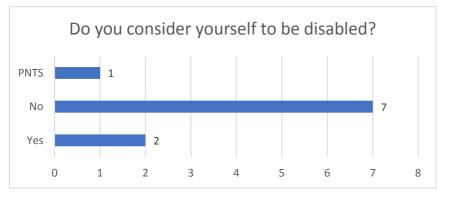


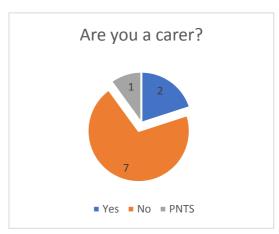












8) ANALYSIS OF COMMENTS - SUMMARY MATRIX TABLE

- **☐** Table of Qualitative Responses to Licensing Policy Review Consultation 2020
- The report now considers comments expressed in the survey's free-text questions. Note is made of the respondents ID number (to provide a traceable record), comment(s) received, the Council's response and, where appropriate, changes to the licensing policy as a result of the consultation.
- Respondents that have not submitted detailed comments are omitted from the table but are included in the analysis above.

RESPONDENT	COMMENTS	APPRAISAL	RESPONSE	CHANGES
Respondent 2	Question 12a Down by the Appletree and Miramar area not sure what its called	Noted	This will be taken into account in determining whether or not to continue the CIA in Station	CIA in Station Road to be retained as there is evidence to support this.
	Question 12b Evenings days	Noted	Road. As above	No further change necessary.
	Question 12c I was down there going for blood tests and was scared driving the state on some not one person walki	Noted	As above	No further change necessary.
	Question 14 Intoxicated people	Noted	As above	No further change necessary.

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	Question 15 Yes nearly hit people with car few times they're so intoxicated	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
	Question 16 Yes . They don't care asking as money goes in cash registers	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
Respondent 6	Question 5a Top end	Noted	This will be taken into account in determining whether or not to continue the CIA in Lammas Street.	CIA in Lammas Street to be retained as there is evidence to support this.
	Question 5b After 12	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
	Question 5c To many people in one area and a take away across the road	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
	Question 7 Far too many people gathering outside and	Noted	As above	No further change necessary

	I'm sure more police incidents around that area Question 8			
	So late open asking for trouble clubs should be closed at two or earlier maybe	Noted	Licence applications are dealt with on their individual merits and already subject of a period of public consultation.	No change
	Question 9 Hotspot areas should be closed at two am	Noted	Licence applications are dealt with on their individual merits and already subject of a period of public consultation.	No change
	Question 10 I would close one of them one hour apart to avoid what's happening	Noted	Licence applications are dealt with on their individual merits and already subject of a period of public consultation.	No change
Respondent 10	Question 7 Main area where people congregate Question 8	Noted	This will be taken into account in determining whether or not to continue the CIA in Lammas Street.	CIA in Lammas Street to be retained as there is evidence to support this.
	Small scuffles in the area from drunkards	Noted	As above	No further change necessary

	Question 9 Doesn't help people who have a drink problem hence the people collapsed on the streets	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
	Question 10 People should drink inside licensed premises. This is their livelihood	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
Respondent 11	Question 7 hot spot	Noted	This will be taken into account in determining whether or not to continue the CIA in Lammas Street.	CIA in Lammas Street to be retained as there is evidence to support this.
	Question 8 hot spot	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
	Question 9 hot spot	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
	Question 10 hot spot	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
Respondent 14	Question 7 If there is an issue it has to be regularly monitored	Noted	Licensed premises are regularily monitored.	No change to the policy
Respondent 15	Question 9 KNOWN AREAS	Noted	This will be taken into account in determining whether or not	CIA in Lammas Street to be retained as there is evidence to support this.

	Question 10 KNOWN AREAS	Noted	to continue the CIA in Lammas Street. As above	No further change necessary
Respondent 16	Question 5a All along the street	Noted	This will be taken into account in determining whether or not to continue the CIA in Lammas	CIA in Lammas Street to be retained as there is evidence to support this.
	Question 5b late at night	Noted	Street. As above	No further change necessary
	Question 5c Newspaper reports of crime often cite it.	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
	Question 7 I used to live there and it was frightening for residents to go out after dark. Alcohol- related incidents reported in the media often mention Lammas Street.	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
	Question 8 The concentration of premises selling alcohol in the area means there is a cumulative negative effect on behaviour.	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
	Question 9			

	The concentration of premises selling alcohol in the area means there is a cumulative negative effect on behaviour.	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
	Question 10 The concentration of premises selling alcohol in the area means there is a cumulative negative effect on behaviour. Takeaways act as a congregating point for drinkers and create flash points. They also encourage littering and vomiting in the street as evidenced by anyone walking in the area the following morning.	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
Respondent 18	Question 5a At present, the golden lion, as I live nearby, also savannas when it was open	Noted	This will be taken into account in determining whether or not to continue the CIA in Lammas Street.	CIA in Lammas Street to be retained as there is evidence to support this.
	Question 5b	Noted	As above	No further change necessary

At present it is not a problem, but when open the problems began at 10pm through to 6am in the morning			
Question 5c No policing, no cares for the residents by the businesses concerned, no concerns once out of premises.	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
Question 7 Try living in Lammas Street on the weekend, you'll soon find out.	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
Question 8 Litter, noise, smashed windows and bins, speeding cars, horns blowing	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
Question 9 Under age drinking,	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
Question 10 Increase of litter and waste food is attract g	Noted	As above	No further change necessary

	vermin such sea gulls and rats			
Respondent 19	Question 5a I can only speak for the lower end where there is problems with alcohol litter and urination	Noted	This will be taken into account in determining whether or not to continue the CIA in Lammas Street.	CIA in Lammas Street to be retained as there is evidence to support this
	Question 5b Weekends	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
	Question 5c unfair on businesses	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
	Question 7 Problems in area with alcohol related litter	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
	Question 9 Litter of alcohol containers and smashed glass	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
	Question 10 litter of takeaway boxes etc	Noted	As above	No further change necessary

Respondent 20	Question 7 late night drinkers	Noted	This will be taken into account in determining whether or not to continue the CIA in Lammas Street.	CIA in Lammas Street to be retained as there is evidence to support this
Respondent 21	Question 5a Where the licensed premises are located	Noted	This will be taken into account in determining whether or not to continue the CIA in Lammas Street.	CIA in Lammas Street to be retained as there is evidence to support this.
	Question 5b usually late night and early morning weekends	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
	Question 5c Media reports and social media comments	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
	Question 7 Continuing reports of crime and disorder in the street.	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
	Question 8 I have no specific evidence other than that reported in the local media.	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
	Question 9			

	As above	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
	Question 10 As above. These premises are a magnet for large crowds who have consumed intoxicants and/or drugs	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
Respondent 22	Question 7			
	We can see that there is still a problem with late night drinking from the problems in Nott Sq. loosening off regs in Lammas St = more problems.	Noted	This will be taken into account in determining whether or not to continue the CIA in Lammas Street.	CIA in Lammas Street to be retained as there is evidence to support this.
Respondent 24	Question 12a back lanes as well as the old lodge area and lower station road	Noted	This will be taken into account in determining whether or not to continue the CIA in Station Road, Llanelli.	CIA in Station Road, Llanelli to be retained as there is evidence to support this.
	Question 12b various, evenings as well as weekends.	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
	Question 12c The people who have been decanted from other areas to resolve	Noted	As above	No further change necessary

	their issues by shipping them out			
	Question 14 Reason as a councillor I have people complaining. People drinking in the cemetery and St Pauls?	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
	Question 15 I have been approached by drunks on the street and witnessed drug taking. Intimidation of others?	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
	Question 16 How can I outline evidence on this when it won't allow enough lettering.	Noted	We will look at ways of improving the consultation before the next review.	No change.
Respondent 25 (This individual responded in Welsh)	Question 5a tu fas y tafarnau ac o amgylch yr arosfa tacsis Outside the pubs and around the taxi rank.	Noted	This will be taken into account in determining whether or not to continue the CIA in Lammas Street.	CIA in Lammas Street to be retained as there is evidence to support this.
	Question 5b hwyr y nos	Noted	As above	No further change necessary

Late at night			
Question 5c pobol yn dod mas o dafarnau yn feddw People leaving pubs drunk	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
Question 7 y broblem yn parhau The problem continues	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
Question 8 y broblem yn parhau The problem continues	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
Question 9 y broblem hon fydd yn llydaenu i'r mannau hyn This problem will extend to other areas	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
Question 10 ddim cymaint o broblem a thafarnau a chlybiau Not as big a problem as the pubs and clubs	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
Question 12a ar ei hyd Along it's length	Noted	This will be taken into account in determining whether or not to continue the CIA in Station Road, Llanelli.	CIA in Station Road, Llanelli to be retained as there is evidence to support this.

Question 12b POB nos a dros y penwythnosau Every night and on the weekends	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
Question 12c cyfuniad o alcohol a cyffuriau Combination of alcohol and drugs	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
Question 14 problemau dofrifol yr ardal Serious problems in the area	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
Question 15 problemau dofrifol yr ardal Serious problems in the area	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
Question 16 problemau difrifol ar hyd y stryd Serious problems in the area	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
Question 17	Noted	As above	No further change necessary

	pobol o dan ddylanwad alcohol a chyffuriau yn creu problemau tu fas bwyati yn ogystal a thafarnau. People under the influence of alcohol and drugs creating problems outside restaurants as well as pubs.			
Respondent 28	Question 12b After stop-tap	Noted	This will be taken into account in determining whether or not to continue the CIA in Station Road, Llanelli.	CIA in Station Road, Llanelli to be retained as there is evidence to support this.
	Question 12c Alcohol related	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
Respondent 29	Question 5a From Rose and Crown down to Savannahs Question 5b	Noted	This will be taken into account in determining whether or not to continue the CIA in Lammas Street.	CIA in Lammas Street to be retained as there is evidence to support this.
	9.00 pm to 2.00 am	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
	Question 5c	Noted	As above	No further change necessary

	Loudness, fighting, unruly behaviour, related drug activity			
Respondent 34	Question 5a Outside the Golden Lion	Noted	This will be taken into account in determining whether or not to continue the CIA in Lammas Street.	CIA in Lammas Street to be retained as there is evidence to support this.
	Question 5b 2200 hrs until 0600 hrs	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
	Question 5c late night drinking and late night takeaways being open causing serious litter and ASB behaviour.	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
	Question 7 To prevent ASB and criminal activity.	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
	Question 8 To prevent ASB and criminal activity.	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
	Question 9 To prevent ASB and criminal activity.	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
	Question 10	Noted	As above	No further change necessary

	To prevent ASB and criminal activity.			
Respondent 37	Question 7 Officers during the course of their duties working alongside the Dyfed Powys Police continue to witness alcohol related ASB, congregations of persons outside license premises and takeaways in the early hours of the morning with Police officers having to diffuse disagreements and separate individuals. Persons urinating in doorways and others collapsed on the street and having to be assisted. These sorts of issues have continued to be a witnessed in 2020 during the coronavirus emergency period and noise complaints from residents regarding the noise from the persons	Noted	This will be taken into account in determining whether or not to continue the CIA in Lammas Street.	CIA in Lammas Street to be retained as there is evidence to support this.

congregating in the street continue to be received.			
Question 8 As above	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
Question 9 As above	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
Question 10 As above	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
Question 12a The highlighted area on the plan provided	Noted	This will be taken into account in determining whether or not to continue the CIA in Station Road, Llanelli.	CIA in Station Road, Llanelli to be retained as there is evidence to support this
Question 12b Various times of the day and night	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
Question 15 Officers continue to receive complaints regarding alcohol ASB and licensed premises in the area.	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
Question 16 Officers undertaking joint working with the Police have witnessed	Noted	As above	No further change necessary

	alcohol related ASB in the area			
	Question 17 The Police provided increasing crime statistics as part of an objection to a new off licence application in 2018. The area covered by new PSPO in 2020.	Noted	As above	No further change necessary
Respondent 38	Question 7 There continue to be incidents of ASB and noise complaints in the area	Noted	This will be taken into account in determining whether or not to continue the CIA in Lammas Street.	CIA in Lammas Street to be retained as there is evidence to support this.
Respondent 39	Questions 5 -10 and Questions 12 - 17 See Appendix B below	Noted	This will be taken into account in determining whether or not to continue the CIA in Lammas Street, Carmarthen and Station Road, Llanelli.	CIA in Lammas Street , Carmarthen and Station Road Llanelli to be retained as there is evidence to support this.

4) Conclusion

1. As a result of the consultation exercise there is sufficient evidence to retain the Cumulative Impact Assessments in relation to Lammas Street, Carmarthen and Station Road, Llanelli.

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☐ Cymraeg/Welsh

■ Saesneg/English

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PART ONE

ABOUT YOU:

1.	Are v	vou	respoi	nding	as	a
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- Premises licence holder
- Personal licence holder
- Club premises certificate holder
- Member of the public
- Local business
- Body representing licence holders/clubs
- Body/person representing members of the public (Town & Community Council, County Councillors etc)
- Body representing local businesses
- ☐ Responsible authorities (i.e. Police, Health board, etc.)

a) Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of the premises/club?

Individual

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On behalf of the premises/club

Part Two:					
2) To what extent are the fol	lowing alcohol-related is	ssues a proble	em in vour local are	va?	
Anti Social Behaviour	_	-	/loderate Problem	Minor Problem	Not a Problem
Alcohol related violence					
Alcohol related litter					
Street drinking					
Noise disturbance					
Criminal damage					
Other					٥
2a) Please identify the location	on and briefly outline th	e nature of th	e anti social behav	iour issue:	
Street					
Town/Village					
Nature of problem					
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2b) Please identify the locati	on and briefly outline th	e nature of th	e alcohol related v	iolence issue:	
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ge	<u> </u>				
Town/Village					
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1b) Name of Organisation/Business/Body:

Nature of Problem		
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2c) Please identify the	location and briefly outline the nature of the alcohol related litter issue:	
Street		
Town/Village		
Nature of Problem		
		
2d) Please identify the	location and briefly outline the nature of the street drinking issue:	
Street		
Town/Village		
Nature of Problem		
		
-	location and briefly outline the nature of the noise disturbance issue:	
Street		
Town/Village		
Nature of Problem		
		
2f) Please identify the	location and briefly outline the nature of the criminal damage issue:	
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Nature of Problem	
2g) Please describe the na	ature of the 'other' alcohol-related issue:
2h) Please identify the lo	cation and briefly outline the 'other' alcohol-related issue:
Street	<u> </u>
Town/Village	<u> </u>
Nature of Problem	
3) Are there any types of late night takeaways or b	business, activities or events that should be encouraged by the policy? e.g Festivals, restaurants, ars.
☐ Yes	□ No
3a) Please state the type	of business, activity or event that should be encouraged by the policy.
3b) Where do you believe	they should be located and why? Please outline your reasons below.

Hot Spots of Alcohol Related Crime and Disorder

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At present the Licensing Policy identifies areas as hot spots of alcohol related crime and disorder. The hot spot areas have
been identified by Dyfed Powys Police and are intended to highlight areas within the county where applicants and existing
licence holders are strongly advised to have appropriate measures in place to prevent crime and disorder on these streets.
(Please refer to section 6.12 of the Licensing Policy for further information).

These areas are:

Ammanford - Quay Street, Wind Street.

Carmarthen - Coracle Way, Lammas Street, Water Street, Priory Street, Queen Street, King Street, Nott Square.

Llanelli - Murray Street, Station Road, Stepney Street, Ann Street.

4) Please tell us:						
Should these areas remain?	Yes □	No 🗖				
Should any others be added?						
4a) Please outline the reasons that these ar	eas should remain:					
4b) Please outline the reasons that these ar	4b) Please outline the reasons that these areas should be removed:					
4c) Please tell us which areas should be added and give your reasons for this:						

Cumulative Impact Assessments (Previously Cumulative Impact Policies)

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The Council's licensing policy identifies two specific locations within the County which are subject to Cumulative Impact Assessments:

1) Lammas Street, Carmarthen. (See Plan)

2) A specific section of Station Road, Llanelli (See Plan)

There is a presumption that additional licences or variations of existing licences for the sale of alcohol, late night refreshment and regulated entertainment will not be granted for premises in the defined areas.

The assessments were adopted as a result of clear evidence from residents and other organisations that the licensed premises in that

area were a source of late-night noise, alcohol related anti-social behaviour and crime and disorder. The assessments allow for exceptions to be made in certain circumstances.

The legislation now requires Licensing Authorities to review each Cumulative Impact Assessment at least every three years to ensure that there is evidence that it is still required.

Please follow this link to section 10 of the current Licensing Policy which sets out details of the existing Cumulative Impact assessments.

For further detailed information please follow this link to sections 14.20 – 14.48 of the Statutory Guidance issued by the Home Office relating to Cumulative Impact Assessments.

Cumulative Impact Assessment Lammas Street, Carmarthen. (See Plan)

To what extent do yo	ou agree that there co	ntinues to be a problem wit	th alcohol related anti-so	cial behaviour in Lammas
Street, Carmarthen?				
☐ Strongly Agree	☐ Agree	☐ Neither	☐ Disagree	☐ Strongly Disagree
Please tell us why?				
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problem?	ti cct is it a			

C) To what extent do you agree with the falls	outing statement	-					
6) To what extent do you agree with the follo	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree		
A cumulative impact assessment is still needed for Lammas Street, Carmarthen (For information on cumulative impact assessments see paragraphs 14.20 - 14.48 of the S182 guidance published by the Home Office)		Agree		□ □			
The cumulative impact assessment should continue to apply to premises that wish to sell alcohol for consumption on the premises.							
The cumulative impact assessment should continue to apply to premises that wish to sell alcohol for consumption off the premises. (Please see paragraph 14.27 of the statutory guidance).							
The cumulative impact assessment should continue to apply to premises that wish to provide late night refreshment (e.g. Take away premises).							
7) You agree that a cumulative impact assessment is still needed for Lammas Street, Carmarthen. Please provide your reasons and evidence to support your answer.							
8) You agree that the cumulative impact asseconsumption on the premises. Please outline incidents).		-	• •				
9 ou agree that the cumulative impact asseconsumption off the premises. Please outline incidents).							
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5c) Why do you think it is a problem?

10) You agree that the cumulative impact assessment should continue to apply to premises that wish to provide late night refreshment (e.g. Take away premises). Please outline your reasons and evidence for requiring the above (e.g. Examples of incidents)

Cumulative Impact Assessment Station Road, Llanelli. (See Plan)

11) To what extent do you agree specific area of Station Road, Lla		to be a problem with alc	cohol related anti-social	behaviour in the
☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Ag	gree	Neither \Box	Disagree	☐ Strongly Disagree
11a) Please tell us why?				
2a) Where in Station road, Llane it a problem?	elli —			
2b) What time is it a problem?				
2c) Why do you think it is a roblem?				
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13) To what extent do you agree with the fol	13) To what extent do you agree with the following statements								
A cumulative impact assessment is still needed for the specific area of Station Road, Llanelli (For information on cumulative impact assessments see paragraphs 14.20 - 14.48 of the S182 guidance published by the Home Office)	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree				
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The cumulative impact assessment should continue to apply to premises that wish to provide late night refreshment (e.g. Take away premises).									
14) You agree that a cumulative impact assess Station Road, Llanelli. Please provide your re			•						

16) You agree that the cumulative impact assessment should continue to apply to premises that wish to sell alcohol for consumption off the premises. Please outline your reasons and evidence for requiring the above (e.g. Examples of incidents)
17) You agree that the cumulative impact assessment should continue to apply to premises that wish to provide late night refreshment (e.g. Take away premises). Please outline your reasons and evidence for requiring the above. (e.g. Examples of incidents)

Any further comments...

18) Is there anything else that you want us to take into account when reviewing the	ne
Licensing Policy?	

☐ Yes ☐ No

19) Please outline the matter you wish us to consider:

20) Please give us the reasons and provide evidence below:

Part 3: Your Details

How we will use your information

We are collecting personal data about you on this form to comply with requirements in the Licensing Act 2003 on carrying out consultations.

This personal data will only be used for the purpose of this consultation exercise by the Licensing team and will not be shared with any other Council service or external organisation. When we publish a report on this consultation this will not contain your personal details.

To find out more about how we will use your information, including your Data Protection rights, please contact the Licensing Section on 01267 228717.

The following demographic questions are asked within the survey so that we can find out the views of people with different characteristics, such as those listed in the Equality Act 2010.

Your responses cannot be traced back to you as an individual.

21) What is your ethnic group?

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□ □ Plea	White Mixed / multiple ethnic groups ase specify:		☐ Asian / Asian British ☐ Black / African / Caribbean / Black British		an / Black British	Other (please specify) Prefer not to say	
221	What is your age group	.7					
	Under 16		25 - 34		45 - 54	65 - 74	
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23) What is your gender?

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25)	What is your partnership	status			
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	Married	Separated	☐ Widowed	☐ Prefer not to say	
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28) Do you hold a religion or belief?						
☐ Yes	□ No	Prefer not to say				
29) What is your sexual orientation?						
☐ Heterosexual ☐ Bisexual	☐ Lesbian ☐	☐ Gay ☐ Prefer not to say				
30) Which is your preferred language?						
☐ Welsh	English	☐ Other				
Please specify						
31) Following 'SA', what are the first two <u>numbers</u> of your postcode? (e.g. if your postcode was SA <u>50</u> 2PG the numbers we require are <u>50</u>).						
32) Under certain circumstances, we may wish to contact you to follow-up on your response, either to ask for additional comment or to reply to the points you have raised. Do you consent to CCC using your details in this way? Yes - I am happy to be contacted No - I do not wish to be						
— Tes Tairmappy to be contacted	contacted					

32a) Please enter your details below:				

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey
Please click to send us your replies

Cumulative Impact Consultation 2021 Lammas Street, Carmarthen and Station Road, Llanelli.

Carmarthenshire County Council is currently undertaking a review of its Licensing Policy which outlines the Authority's approach to licensing Premises, Clubs, Temporary Events and Personal Licences. I am aware that the consultation was originally planned to commence in March 2020, however as a consequence of the current pandemic there has been a delay and the consultation has been amended to focus on the main statutory areas for consultation and will be open for a limited period. I am also aware that it is proposed that a further more detailed consultation will be undertaken once the pandemic has ended. As a Responsible Authority under the legislation, I have included feedback from colleagues and myself with the aim to highlight the extent to which alcohol related crime and disorder is impacting within Lammas Street and Station Road based on Police statistics.

Due to such unprecedented times, the review period is for 2018/19 and 2019/20. This period will provide a more clear and unambiguous picture of alcohol related crime and disorder rather than up-to-date data due to COVID 19 and its impact on alcohol related crime and disorder statistics due to public houses & nightclubs etc. / not operating to their normal capacity since April 2020 and the number of closures of such premises during this period.

The statistics provided in this report in relation to alcohol related crime are likely to represent a very substantial under estimation of the true nature and extent of the problem. Police data particularly can seriously under estimate the amount violent crime actually taking place. It is too complex to give the true picture regarding how many crimes have been committed by an offender who was under the influence of alcohol (alcohol related offender) due to a proportion of offences being undetected, therefore not knowing if the offender had consumed any alcohol at the time of committing the crime. There may be a time lapse in the reporting of offences, again making it difficult to establish if it was an alcohol related incident. Offender(s) may have also left the scene prior to Police arrival.

Carmarthen Town Overview

During the 2018-19 and 2019-20 there were a total of 3,553 crimes reported to have occurred in Carmarthen Town (Carmarthen South, Carmarthen West and Carmarthen Town combined). Of those 3,555 crimes, 611 were alcohol related (17%). During the same period in addition to this, there were a total of 1,150 calls for Police service relating to incidents of anti-social behaviour, 96 of those ASB incidents were recorded as being alcohol related (8%).

Alcohol Related Crime in Lammas Street, Carmarthen

Of those 3,553 crimes recorded within Carmarthen Town, 213 were recorded to have occurred within Lammas Street. A half of those crimes were recorded as being alcohol related (107 crimes). However, this figure is highly likely to be under estimated for the reasons details in the report limitations section. The table below (figure 1) gives a breakdown of where those 213 offences occurred and what volume of those crimes were alcohol related.

Figure 1: Crime in Lammas Street by Location Type

Location Type	Total Volume	Volume Alcohol Related	% Alcohol Related
Dwelling	16	3	3%
Public House/Night Club	70	45	42%
Other Licensed Premises	8	6	6%
Public Highway	93	45	42%
Other Commercial/Retail Premises	19	5	5%
Other Building	7	3	3%
Total	213	107	50%

The largest volume of the 213 crimes committed in Lammas Street occurred on a public highway (44%). A third of all crime was associated with a public house or nightclub. A further 4% occurred at other licensed premises.

Alcohol was a factor in 42% of crimes associated with public houses/nightclubs and also in crimes committed on a public highway respectively.

The table on the subsequent page gives a breakdown of the 107 alcohol related crimes committed in Lammas Street by crime type.

Figure 2: Alcohol Related Crime in Lammas Street by Crime Type

Crime Type	Total Alcohol Related	% Alcohol Related
Assaults	69	64%
Criminal Damage	9	8%

Drug Offences	2	2%
Harassment	1	1%
Other Theft	3	3%
Possession of a Weapon	3	3%
Public Order	14	13%
Shoplifting	5	5%
Threats to Kill	1	1%
Total	107	100%

The majority of alcohol related crime in Lammas Street were assaults (64%, 69 out of 107 crimes), followed by public order offences accounting for 13% (14 crimes) and criminal damage accounting for 8% (9 crimes)

Alcohol Related ASB in Lammas Street, Carmarthen

Of the 1,150 reported incidents of ASB in Carmarthen Town during the review period, 8% occurred in Lammas Street (91 incidents). The table on the subsequent page (figure 3) gives a breakdown of where those 91 incidents occurred and what volume of those incidents were alcohol related. Again this figure is likely to be under estimated.

Analysis of ASB calls for service shows that 16 of the 91 ASB incidents in Lammas Street were alcohol related (18% of total). However, overall 27 of the 91 incidents were associated with a public house/nightclub (30%).

Figure 3: ASB in Lammas Street by Location Type

Location Type	<u>Total</u>	Volume Alcohol	% Alcohol
	<u>Volume</u>	<u>Related</u>	Related
Dwelling	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0%</u>
Public House/Night Club	<u>27</u>	9	33%
Other Licensed Premises	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0%</u>
Public Highway	<u>43</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>14%</u>
Other Commercial/Retail Premises	13	1	<u>8%</u>

Other Building	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0%</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>18%</u>

Temporal Factors

During the 2 year review period there have been a total of 305 alcohol related crimes recorded between the hours of 10pm and 6am across Carmarthen Town, 28% of those crimes (87 crimes) were committed in Lammas Street.

Over the same two year period there were a total of 213 crimes reported to have occurred along Lammas Street, 70% of those crimes (150 crimes) were committed between the hours of 10pm and 6am with 58% of those crimes being alcohol related (87 crimes).

This can be broken down further to days of the week and times. With Sunday being the peak day for alcohol related crimes (relative to the late night and evening economy from the Saturday night) followed by Saturday, Thursday and Monday.

The peak times where these crimes are reported are between 11pm and 3am. Sergeant Elaine Roberts runs the Neighbourhood Policing team in Carmarthen having an office located in the town centre. Sergeant Roberts states "As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic there have been several national lockdowns in addition to the firebreak lockdown in November 2020, all of which have resulted in strict restrictions on our communities and businesses alike.

The hospitality industry has experienced significant restriction in the form of limited trading hours with lower capacities in venues including public houses and restaurants which has resulted in a limited number of customers attending each venue.

Having reviewed the data and through local knowledge it is wildly accepted that the vast majority of Violent crime, public order and alcohol related incidents in Lammas Street are as a direct result of the night time economy at that location.

In short I believe that the reason why this location has been identified as a hotspot for crime and disorder is due to the fact that over the past few years this is where all the late night attractions have been located.

There are a number of Licensed premises located within close proximity to each other coupled with the late night take-away restaurants, adding to the attraction of Lammas Street is the town's taxi rank.

Due to the fact that the other licenced premises in the town centre close at an earlier time it is unsurprising that members of the public who wish to continue with their socialising all head up towards the offerings of Lammas Street and in effect causing a bottle neck where everybody comes together with some individuals being more intoxicated than others which has often resulted in instances of violence and disorder.

I suspect that if other locations in the town centre, such as King Street had offerings of late night hospitality venues such as public houses and or take-away restaurants in addition to another taxi rank this would reduce the intensity of people in Lammas Street and also reduce the number of reported incidents in this area.

I would strongly oppose for any further late night hospitality venues, be it a public house or a take-away restaurant to be granted permission to operate in Lammas Street as this would contribute towards further incidents of crime and disorder in the area."

Llanelli Town Overview

During the 2018-19 and 2019-20 there were a total of 7,362 crimes reported to have occurred Llanelli Town (Bigyn, Elli, Glanymor, Hengoed, Lliedi and Tyisha wards combined). Of those 7,362 crimes, 843 were alcohol related (11%). During the same period in addition to this, there were a total of 2,897 calls for Police service relating to incidents of anti-social behaviour, 223 of those ASB incidents were recorded as being alcohol related (8%).

Alcohol Related Crime in Station Road, Llanelli

Of those 7,362 crimes recorded within Llanelli Town, 483 (7%) were recorded to have occurred in Station Road, with 27% of those crimes recorded as being alcohol related (131 crimes). However, this figure is highly likely to be under estimated for the reasons details in the report limitations section. The table below (figure 4) gives a breakdown of where those 477 offences occurred and what volume of those crimes were alcohol related.

Figure 4: Crime in Station Road by Location Type

Location Type	Total Volume	Volume Alcohol Related	% Alcohol Related
Dwelling	144	26	18%
Public House/Night Club	95	53	56%
Other Licensed Premises	93	20	22%
Public Highway	110	23	21%
Other Commercial/Retail Premises	27	9	33%
Other Building	14	0	0%
Total	483	131	27%

In relation to the 93 crimes that occurred in other licensed premises, it is known that 20 offender were under the influence of alcohol when the offences occurred. In addition to this 32 of the 93 crimes (34%) related to the shoplifting of alcohol

The table on the subsequent page (figure 5) gives a breakdown of the 131 alcohol related crimes committed in Station Road by crime type.

Figure 5: Alcohol Related Crime in Station Road by Crime Type

Crime Type	Total Alcohol Related	% Alcohol Related
Assaults	79	60%
Criminal Damage	10	8%
Drug Offences	1	1%
Harassment	3	2%
Possession of a Weapon	1	1%
Public Order	8	6%
Robbery	2	2%
Sexual Offences	3	2%
Theft	20	15%
Threats to Kill	4	3%
Total	131	100%

Alcohol Related ASB in Station Road, Llanelli

Of the 2,897 reported incidents of ASB in Llanelli Town during the review period, 8% occurred along Station Road (217 incidents). The table on the subsequent page (figure 6) gives a breakdown of where those 217 incidents occurred and what volume of those incidents were alcohol related. Again this figure is likely to be under estimated.

Analysis of ASB calls for service reveals that 21 of the 217 ASB incidents along Station Road were alcohol related (10% of total). However, overall 42 of the 217 incidents were associated with a public house/nightclub (30%) and a further 25 (12%) were associated with other licensed premises.

Figure 6: ASB in Station Road by Location Type

Location Type	Total Volume	Volume Alcohol Related	% Alcohol Related
Dwelling	1	1	100%
Public House/Night Club	42	4	10%
Other Licensed Premises	25	0	0%
Public Highway	118	9	8%
Other Commercial/Retail Premises	16	7	44%
Other Building	15	0	0%
Total	217	21	10%

Temporal Factors

During the 2 year review period there have been a total of 450 alcohol related crimes recorded between the hours of 10pm and 6am across Llanelli Town, 19% of those crimes (87 crimes) were committed along Station Road.

Over the same two year period there were a total of 483 crimes reported to have occurred along Station Road, 45% of those crimes (217 crimes) were committed between the hours of 10pm and 6am with 39% of those crimes being alcohol related (84 crimes).

This can be broken down further to days of the week and times. With Sunday being the peak day for alcohol related crimes (relative to the late night and evening economy from the Saturday night) followed by Saturday, Thursday and Monday.

The peak times where these crimes are reported are between 10pm and 3am. Police Sergeant Ben Ashton who runs the Neighbourhood Policing Team in Llanelli adds: "I support the Cumulative Impact assessment and would recommend there be continued restrictions of licenced premises in Llanelli Town. Discussing the area with the neighbourhood policing team, it is believed if the current restrictions were lifted there would be a large increase in ASB and drink related crime.

In addition to the statistical data, a "feet on the ground" report from NPT would include that drink related ASB does still occur on and around Station Road. ASB has taken place by large groups gathering whilst intoxicated on the street. These groups are often loud, swearing and can be seen to be intimidating to members of the community who live on and around the street. While part of Station Road has commercial properties there is a still a large number of residential properties on the street and nearby adjoining streets. The ASB taking place in Station Road will often dissipate into the surrounding residential streets. Figures for 2020 will likely be skewed due to lockdown and hospitality sector being closed but it was very

noticeable when the hospitality sector resumed trading there appeared to be an increase of ASB including residents having doors kicked, windows smashed and cars damaged.

The night time economy used to be stronger in Llanelli as a whole. Given the layout of Station Road there were often issues of drunk persons crossing the road haphazardly with little regard to their safety and other road users. The street offers little in the way of traffic calming and protection to anyone intoxicated crossing or standing in the road. A pedestrian (not intoxicated) suffered serious injuries after a car collided with him travelling between 51-53mph February 2020.

The ASB impact of drinking in Llanelli Town has caused the need for a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to be put in place and Station Road is included in that area. We have been working hard to reduce the number of people gathering and drinking in a cemetery on a street just off Station Road during the day and night. In the last 9 months there have been 75 alcohol seizures in Llanelli, 71 of these have been within 5 a minute walk of Station Road.

Station Road is within the Tyisha ward which is undergoing a regeneration project to reduce crime and disorder. Part of the project includes building new family housing on and around the Station Road area. The ASB generated by those frequenting licensed premises is contrary to the objectives of the regeneration project.

Littering in Station Road and in the rear lanes is a common occurrence and often cans and takeaway rubbish is left behind. This is in addition to cases of fly tipping and we often work with partners at the council and fire service to tackle fly tipping issues.

Dyfed-Powys Police support maintaining Cumulative Impact assessments at Station Road, Llanelli and Lammas Street in Carmarthen.

David Bizby Carmarthenshire Licensing Officer

EXECUTIVE BOARD

1st March 2021

Subject

NOTICE OF MOTION REFERRED FROM COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 10TH FEBRUARY 2021

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To consider a Notice of Motion agreed by County Council on the 10th February 2021 (7.1)

Reasons:

At its meeting on the 10th February 2021 Council referred a Notice of Motion to the Executive Board. The Notice of Motion called for considerations in respect of public firework displays and the use and type of fireworks.

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted NO Exec. Board Decision Required YES Council Decision Required NO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER: Councillor Philip Hughes. Executive Board Member for Public Protection.

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1st March 2021

NOTICE OF MOTION REFERRED FROM COUNCIL - 10th February 2021

Council at its meeting held on the 10th February 2021 (Minute 7.1 refers) referred the following notice of motion to the Executive Board: -

"Fireworks are used by people throughout the year, to mark different events. Whilst they can bring much enjoyment to some people, they can cause significant anxiety and fear for some individuals and also Animals (both Pets and livestock). Animals affected not only suffer Psychological distress but can also cause them to Self-Harm". I Therefore call on CCC to....

- 1. Require all organised Public Displays within the Local Authorities Boundaries to be Advertised in Advance of the Event, allowing Residents to take necessary precautions for their Animals and Vulnerable Peoples
- 2.To actively promote a Public Awareness Campaign-about the impact of Fireworks on Animal Welfare and Vulnerable people. Including the precautions that can be instigated to mitigate the Risks. Along with detailing the existing regulations.
- 3.To encourage Local Suppliers of Fireworks to only Stock a "Quieter Version "of Fireworks than used for Public Displays.
- 4.To write to both UK and Welsh Governments. Urging them to review and consider the Existing Legislation and to limit the Maximum noise level of Fireworks to 90 dB that can be sold to the members of the Public for Private use."

The Executive Board will need to formally consider this motion.

NO
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IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed: Linda Rees Jones Head of Administration and Law

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Linda Rees Jones, Head of Administration & Law

1.Scrutiny Committee

Not applicable

2.Local Member(s)

Not applicable

3.Community / Town Council

Not applicable

4.Relevant Partners

Not applicable

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

Not applicable

EXECUTIVE	BOARD PORTFOLIO
HOLDER(S)	AWARE/CONSULTED

YES.

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Council Meeting 10 th February 2021 Link to agenda and minutes		https://democracy.carmarthenshir e.gov.wales/ieListDocuments.asp x?MId=4193&x=1

EXECUTIVE BOARD

1st March 2021

Subject

NOTICE OF MOTION REFERRED FROM COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 10TH FEBRUARY 2021

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To consider a Notice of Motion agreed by County Council on the 10th February 2021 (7.2)

Reasons:

At its meeting on the 10th February 2021 Council referred a Notice of Motion to the Executive Board. The Notice of Motion called for considerations in respect of conducting consultations on changes to education provision in Carmarthenshire during this pandemic.

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted NO Exec. Board Decision Required YES Council Decision Required NO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER: Councillor Glynog Davies – Executive Board Member for Education and Children

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1st March 2021

NOTICE OF MOTION REFERRED FROM COUNCIL - 10th February 2021

Council at its meeting held on the 10th February 2021 (Minute 7.2 refers) referred the following notice of motion to the Executive Board: -

"That Carmarthenshire Council:

- Notes that communities in Carmarthenshire are currently dealing with the biggest medical and financial crisis in recent years, as the Coronavirus pandemic continues to impact families and businesses
- Agrees that it is not appropriate for school consultations on matters such as education provision to be carried out during the pandemic in any instances which conflict with Labour Welsh Govt guidelines
- Will continue to monitor the viability of Carmarthenshire schools as required by Welsh Government, and take any necessary action following public consultation in an open and transparent manner."

The Executive Board will need to formally consider this motion.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	NO

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NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO



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1.Scrutiny Committee

Not applicable

2.Local Member(s)

Not applicable

3.Community / Town Council

Not applicable

4.Relevant Partners

Not applicable

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

Not applicable

EXECUTIVE	BOARD PORTFOLIO
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YES.

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