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Title	Consultation – Relaxation of Licensing Hours for the Royal Wedding		
Wards affected	Not applicable		

This report sets out the proposed response to the consultation on the Relaxation of Licensing Hours for the Royal Wedding

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Council's views are sought on the Home Office Consultation regarding a national relaxation of licensing hours on the nights of 18 and 19 May 2018 for the Royal Wedding (see Appendix 1).

2. Recommended Decision

- 2.1 To respond to the consultation document and agree the relaxation in licensing hours.

3. Reason for Recommended Decision

- 3.1 The Council's views are sought as a body likely to be affected by a national relaxation of licensing hours and it is important that it submits its views.

4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 Not to comment on the consultation.

5. Background Information

- 5.1 The Government proposes to make an order under Section 172 of the Licensing Act 2003 to mark the wedding of Prince Henry and Meghan Markle on 19 May 2018. The effect of the order would be to extend opening hours of licensed premises to 01.00 on Saturday 19 May and Sunday 20 May 2018 for the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises in licensed premises and the provision of late night refreshment in on-trade licensed premises.
- 5.2 The Government does not consider that the relaxation of hours should apply to the sale of alcohol off the premises as anyone wishing to purchase alcohol for consumption at home would be able to do so during normal shopping hours.

6. Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Implications

- 6.1 The response has been prepared in accordance with and taken account of, all relevant legislation.

7. Standard References

- 7.1 There are no particular references to the Strategic Plan, consultation or publicity considerations; financial, community safety, health and safety or risk management implications.