

Alcohol Licensing Annual Report 2017/ 2018

Questions:

1. **Please provide the name of your District Licensing Committee:** Hamilton

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4. **The following questions relate to the number of licences and managers' certificates your Committee issued and refused in the 2016-17 and 2017-18 financial years.**

Note: the 2016-17 financial year runs from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 and the 2017-18 financial year runs from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.

Licences: 2016-2017

- In the 2016-17 year, how many 'on licences' did your Committee issue? (39)
- In the 2016-17 year, how many applications for 'on licences' did your Committee refuse? (0)
- In the 2016-17 year, how many 'off licences' did your Committee issue? (8)
- In the 2016-17 year, how many applications for 'off licences' did your Committee refuse? (0)
- In the 2016-17 year, how many club licences did your Committee issue? (1)
- In the 2016-17 year, how many applications for club licences did your Committee refuse? (0)

Licences: 2017-2018

- In the 2017-18 year, how many 'on licences' did your Committee issue? (29)
- In the 2017-18 year, how many applications for 'on licences' did your Committee refuse? (2)
- In the 2017-18 year, how many 'off licences' did your Committee issue? (17)
- In the 2017-18 year, how many applications for 'off licences' did your Committee refuse? (0)
- In the 2017-18 year, how many club licences did your Committee issue? (2)
- In the 2017-18 year, how many applications for club licences did your Committee refuse? (1)

Manager's certificates 2016-2017

- In the 2016-17 year, how many managers' certificates did your Committee issue? (252)
- In the 2016-17 year, how many applications for managers' certificates did your Committee refuse? (2)
- In the 2016-17 year, how many applications for managers' certificates were withdrawn? (9)

Manager's certificates 2017-2018

- In the 2017-18 year, how many managers' certificates did your Committee issue? (281)
- In the 2017-18 year, how many applications for managers' certificates did your Committee refuse? (4)

- In the 2017-18 year, how many applications for managers' certificates were withdrawn? (3)

Licence renewals 2016 – 2017

In the 2016-17 year, how many licence renewals did your Committee issue? (105)

In the 2016-17 year, how many licence renewals did your Committee refuse? (1)

Licence renewals 2017 - 2018

In the 2017-18 year, how many licence renewals did your Committee issue? (96)

In the 2017-18 year, how many licence renewals did your Committee refuse? (2)

5. Please comment on any changes or trends in the Committee's workload in 2017-18:

With the passage of time, there appears to be a less number of applications set down for a public hearing. More and more applications are being compiled and lodged by experienced licensing consultants and solicitors. The DLC assistant commissioners appear to be utilised more frequently across all licensing applications.

6. Please comment on any new initiatives the Committee has developed/adopted in 2017-18.

The Hamilton DLC has implemented the use of "drop boxes" for all DLC committee members instead of email addresses.

The DLC has also initiated full electronic services for the lodging of all licensing applications

The expanded use of DLC assistant commissioners.

7. Has your Committee developed a Local Alcohol Policy?

It is up to the Hamilton City Council to implement any such policy and after ratifying a provisional LAP, council has since abandoned the current LAP due to opposition and appeals principally from the major supermarket interests in the city.

7A. If the answer is yes, what stage is your Local Alcohol Policy at?

Abandoned at the moment.

8. If the answer to 7 is Yes, what effect do you consider your Local Alcohol Policy is having? No effects at the moment

9. Please comment on the ways in which you believe the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 is achieving its object. Note: the object of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 is that:

- a) the sale, supply, and consumption of alcohol should be undertaken safely and responsibly; and
- b) the harm caused by the excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol should be minimised.

The Act appears to be going well in Hamilton, and it should be noted, that our local licensees are becoming increasingly better at ensuring compliance in managing their businesses as they now know that any breaches however small, will likely generate an infringement notice and fee or a public hearing before the local DLC or ARLA with the possible truncated renewals, suspension or cancellation of the managers certificates or licence