



Licensing Committee Report

Meeting:	<i>Licensing Committee</i>
Date:	<i>11 July 2012</i>
Classification:	<i>For General Release</i>
Title:	<i>Citizens Advice Bureau Licensing Advice Project 2011/2012 annual report.</i>
Wards Affected:	<i>All</i>
Financial Summary:	<i>None</i>
Report of:	<i>The Operational Directors for Premises Management and City Planning</i>

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The report advises the Licensing Committee of recent work of the CAB Licensing Advice Project through its annual report for 2011/2012.
- 1.2 The report also advises the Licensing Committee of the review of advice services currently being undertaken by the council, including the public consultation which is open until 22 August 2012.
- 1.3 A copy of the CAB Licensing Advice Project annual report for 2011/2012 is attached at Appendix 1 to this report.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Licensing Committee note and comment on the report.

3. Background

- 3.1 The CAB Licensing Advice Project provides a free, independent, impartial and confidential information, advice and representation service to residents of Westminster in respect of the Licensing Act 2003. The service employs a specialist licensing solicitor.
- 3.2 The service is funded by the council and currently costs £80,000 per year.

3.3 The advice services provided by the CAB Licensing Advice Project are included in the scope of the review of advice services which is currently out for public consultation. Consultation closes on 22 August. Details of the advice review can be viewed at <http://www.westminster.gov.uk/services/healthandsocialcare/adultservices/advice-services/>

3.4 The review seeks to rationalise 15 separate contracts for a wide range of advice services across the council, with the aims of integrating advice provision and improving consistency across council services, to improve efficiency and to save money.

4. Financial and Legal Implications

4.1 None arising.

Appendices

Appendix 1 Westminster Citizens Advice Licensing Project Report 1 April
2011 – 31 March 2012

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Advice Service Consultation (for providers)

Advice Service Consultation (for service users)