

**LICENSING ACT COMMITTEE
4TH JUNE 2013**

PRESENT – Councillors Nutt (in the Chair) L. Haszeldine, C.L.B. Hughes, D. Jones Lee, Newall, Stenson and Thistlethwaite. (8)

APOLOGIES – Councillors Lawton, B. Jones, J. Lyonette, J. Vasey and L. Vasey (5)

LA1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – No declarations of interest were made at the meeting.

LA2. MINUTES – Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of this Licensing Act 2003 Committee held on 30th April 2013.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes be accepted as a correct record.

LA3. MINUTES – LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE – Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meetings of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 16th May 2013.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes be accepted as a correct record.

LA4. THE LATE NIGHT ECONOMY CRIME STATISTICS – Inspector Colin Dobson, Durham Police submitted a powerpoint presentation which outlined incident data for Darlington, Darlington Crime data, local research and the co-located Alcohol Harm Reduction Unit with Darlington Borough Council.

Discussion ensued on violent crimes data and whether it included domestic abuse and the correlation between alcohol and violence; success of working together with this Council and other partners on scheme such as the Stay Safe Programme; potential of closer working relationships with the courts and sentencing of alcohol induced behaviour; Alcohol Diversion Scheme and introduction of an alcohol awareness course.

Particular reference was made to people pre-loading with alcohol at home and the impact that 24 hour drinking has on the late night economy and policing arrangements.

RESOLVED – That the presentation be noted.