1) The number of (1) new alcohol license applications and (2) applications to vary an alcohol license received in each of the past five years, and what percentage of these applications were granted.

2) The number of alcohol licensing enforcement officers employed by the authority in each of the past five years

3) The number of enforcement actions taken against alcohol licensed premises in each of the past five years

4) The number of alcohol licenses which were revoked in each of the past five years

5) The total cost of operating a licensing regime, including staff employed and the cost of taking enforcement action for the financial year 2011/12

6) The total revenue derived from licensing, including charges and fees levied on licensed premises or applicants (but not business rates) in the financial year 2011/12

Responses:

Question 1

2008    New applications = 31 variations = 42
2009    New applications = 20 variations = 25
2010    New applications = 35 variations = 33 % granted = 98
2011    New applications = 29 variations = 45 % granted = 97
2012    New applications = 36 variations = 35 % granted = 97

We are unable to produce percentage figures for 2008/9 as these were recorded on an obsolete software package.

Question 2

5 staff have been authorised to deal with enforcement for the past 5 years. They do not deal with alcohol issues alone but operate across the whole range of licensing enforcement issues.
Question 3

2008 3 Formal PACE interviews and 3 formal cautions administered
2009 10 Formal interviews and 4 cautions administered
2010 12 Formal interviews, 7 cautions and 1 prosecution
2011 8 Formal interviews and 6 cautions
2012 9 Formal interviews and 4 cautions

Question 4

1 licence revoked 2008
1 licence revoked 2009
1 licence revoked 2012

Question 5

Costs 2011-2012 £257,000

Question 6

Income from fees 2011-2012 £ 170,000