

# Local Alcohol Policy

## Update



16 May 2014

## Draft Local Alcohol Policy gets green light for consultation

On Tuesday (13 May 2014), the Regional Strategy and Policy Committee adopted the Local Alcohol Policy (LAP) Statement of Proposal, which includes the draft Auckland Council LAP, for public consultation. This decision means that council staff can now finalise plans, ready for the consultation process to commence next month.

### Submissions process

The consultation process will officially begin on **Monday 16 June 2014** with the opening of the written submission period. At this time, the council will release the final draft LAP and invite the public and stakeholders to provide written feedback.

We encourage you to participate in this process as it is important that the final policy reflects the views of our communities and stakeholders. Moreover, only those who have made submissions on the draft LAP will be able to participate in the hearings and appeals processes. We will provide you with more information about how to submit closer to the time.

### Consultation pack

To assist people to develop their submissions, we will put out a consultation pack, which will include the following documents:

- **Draft LAP consultation document** – this will include an introduction to the proposal, the draft LAP, the reasons for the proposal and information about the consultation process
- **Summary of Information** – this document will summarise the key proposals in the draft LAP and will include information about the consultation process
- **Overview document** – which will be a more concise and “user friendly” summary of the proposals
- **Submission form** – with key questions that the council is seeking feedback on.

The submission period will be open for a month, closing at **4pm, Wednesday 16 July 2014**.

In the meantime, you can access a copy of the draft LAP, as well as the cover report prepared by council staff, via the Committee agenda at the following link: <http://infocouncil.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/> (please select “Regional Strategy and Policy Committee” in the meeting drop-down box). The draft LAP was considered at item 9 (see p.7).

## Public hearings

Once the submission period is complete, hearings will be arranged so that those submitters who wish to present their views to the council in person can do so. Oral submissions will be heard by a Hearings Panel, comprised of elected members.

If you, or the organisation that you represent, would like to participate in a public hearing, please remember to specify this in your written submission.

## Next steps

In order to prepare for the hearings process, council staff will be reporting to the Hearings Committee on 27 May 2013.

The report will ask the Hearings Committee to establish a Hearings Panel to hear submissions on the draft LAP, to deliberate in public and to make recommendations back to the Governing Body for a provisional LAP.

## Questions

Please contact us if you have any enquiries on the content of the draft LAP or the process for submitting:

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