

Annual Report – Special Responsibilities

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Report for period: 2013 / 2014

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Name: Cllr Keith Cranney.....

Position held: Conservative Lead Member of Regulatory and Licensing Committee.....
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A general outline of the special responsibilities you perform

I am the Conservative lead member of the Regulatory and Licensing Committee I represent the Conservative group and offer advice to our members on all Licensing and Regulatory matters.

The role covers the intended use and licensable activities of any premises intended for use for consumption of alcohol –Food - Entertainment and Gambling purposes here within South Gloucestershire.

The role includes the licencing control of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles

The role of Regulatory lead member incorporates the Standards Committee which investigates any complaints against any District or Parish councillor this may include any issue appertaining to improper or inappropriate behaviour.

The role also involves being a member of the Public Rights of Way Committee which investigates and determines land ownership and access rights.

Key Milestones/Achievements during the reporting Period

South Gloucestershire Council has undertaken a complete Governance Review of parish boundaries in South Gloucestershire's parished /unparished areas over the last year.

South Gloucestershire now operates a Scrap Metal Dealers Act Policy

South Gloucestershire has reviewed its Gambling Policy 2005

South Gloucestershire is currently undertaking a review of its Licencing Policy

South Gloucestershire has reviewed its Hackney and Private Hire Taxi knowledge test

South Gloucestershire has revisited the 6 month review of Taxi Fees and charges.

South Gloucestershire has reviewed its Trading Standards and Licensing Fees 2014/2015

South Gloucestershire continues to attract a steady flow of applications for Street Trading consent licences, Personal Licenses, Premises and variation Licenses, applications for variations of Designated premises supervisors, T.E.N.S. – Temporary Event Notices applications.

What “added value” to the local community have you been able to achieve through your special responsibilities?

I have provided a daily update to Conservative members on all licensing matters to enable our members to be aware of any proposal to operate licensable activities from premises within their ward areas.

I have offered advice and help to Stoke Gifford parish council and Bradley Stoke Town council to enable local residents in the area to be informed and represented on licensing issues in the area.

I have offered help and advice to residents who raise concerns in regard to licencing matters at Stoke Gifford and Bradley Stoke Safer Stronger Groups

How have your special responsibilities enabled the Council to be more effective?

I have enabled South Gloucestershire Council to be well represented at Licensing hearings and meetings

I have ensured that the residents of South Gloucestershire are given their opportunity to make representation at all licensing hearings and consultations.

In what ways has the exercise of your special responsibilities supported the core objectives of the Council?

The Special responsibility role has enabled me and the council to operate effectively and efficiently within the constraints of the Licensing Act 2003 – Gambling Act 2005