

LICENSING PANEL (LICENSING ACT 2003 FUNCTIONS) Supplement 5

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Personal summary: Andrew [REDACTED]

I retired from the Metropolitan Police in January 2007 having served 34 years of exemplary service. Throughout my service I have been regularly involved in the enforcement, management, and development of licensing initiatives and policies. I retired as a Borough Commander.

As a constable I worked as a covert officer detecting offences in late night licensed premises in central and west London. As an Inspector I was the licensing Inspector for a very busy inner London policing division.

Whilst working as a Chief Inspector I was the operations manager in the central London Clubs and Vice unit from 1990-1996. As part of this role, I had responsibility for late night licensing in Westminster and I supported other London boroughs as appropriate. During this period, I managed both covert and overt police operations on behalf of the police and the local authority to ensure compliance with the legislation and to prosecute breaches where necessary.

I was the crime manager (Detective Chief Inspector) at a busy London division and a Senior Investigating Officer (Detective Superintendent) at New Scotland Yard.

As a Borough Commander on 2 London boroughs, between 2001 and the beginning of 2007 (January), I worked with both local authorities to develop the respective licensing and enforcement policies. The work with the Local Authority formed a significant part of Community Safety and local policing plans. With the introduction of the new licensing legislation in 2003 I oversaw the transfer of responsibilities to the local authority and was instrumental in setting up a joint licensing team for a busy inner London borough.

In 2007 I retired from the police and was employed by an inner London local authority as an Assistant Director for Safer Communities. I held this post for 10 years.

I had responsibility for the wide ranging Safer Communities portfolio that included Crime Reduction Strategies and the enforcement functions for the authority. My work involved comprehensive partnership working with all agencies involved in the crime reduction partnership. Amongst the many responsibilities I had responsibility for the councils licensing function.

During the 10 years spent with the authority I worked closely with the local policing teams to ensure that licensed premises were effectively supervised and managed in line with local initiatives and the borough licensing and enforcement policies.

As the principal officer for licensing in the local authority I worked closely with local community groups, ward councillors, and members of the licensing committee to develop knowledge and understanding of local enforcement policies and crime and disorder initiatives linked to drugs and alcohol. The work included the supervision of licensed premises, the management of the licensing objectives and working with legal services to take appropriate and proportionate action where necessary.

On my retirement from Local Government, I set up my own consultancy business and I offer independent advice and compliance audits for licensed premises. I have given evidence at licensing hearings/reviews, and appeals on behalf of the Metropolitan Police, Local Authorities and individual premises in each of my respective roles.

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