

AUCKLAND DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

PRACTICE NOTE

SOCIAL AND HOST RESPONSIBILITY POLICIES

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This practice note supersedes the Social and Host Responsibility Policies Practice Note dated 29 September 2023.

The Committee and the Auckland Council Local Alcohol Policy (LAP) require that all premises with an on-licence or a club licence will have a host responsibility policy.

The Committee requires that all premises with an off-licence, except those endorsed under s.40 of the Act, have a social responsibility policy.

Social and host responsibility policies are important documents that help the District Licensing Committee assess applications for new or renewed licences. A host responsibility policy should address the matters set out in clause 1.3 of the LAP. A social responsibility policy should address how the licensee will comply with the Act, including how:

- (a) the premises will maintain the amenity and good order of the venue; and
- (b) the applicant will deal with minors and intoxication.

All social and host responsibility policies must be specific to the premises, not be generic and should reflect the type of premises.

The policy must be addressed to the Committee and the matters that should be contained in a social responsibility policy and a host responsibility policy can be found on the Auckland Council website.

All licence holders are expected to comply with their social responsibility or host responsibility policy.

The Committee expects that inspectors will enforce policies if there are any issues with non-compliance.

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