

**Council Information Session/Workshop**  
**ATTACHMENTS - UNDER SEPARATE COVER**

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**Date:** Tuesday 28 January 2025  
**Time:** 10.45am-12.15pm  
**Venue:** Council Chambers, Civic Offices,  
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch  
**Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8305479561>  
**Meeting ID:** 830 547 9561

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# Local Alcohol Policy

Update on issues and options  
and next steps

Council Information Session  
28 January 2025

## Recap

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- Council Meeting, 20 November 2024:

**Council Resolved CNCL/2024/00176**

That the Council:

1. Receives the information in the Local Alcohol Policy Update .
2. Notes that the decisions in this report are assessed as low significance based on the Christchurch City Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
3. Notes it will confirm the timeframe to adopt a final version of a Local Alcohol Policy when staff report back on the issues and options.
4. Resolves that all decision-making on matters relating to a Local Alcohol Policy sit with the full Council with the Mayor as Chair.

- Council Meeting, 5 February 2025:

- Staff will present report on issues and options and ask Council to confirm timeline.

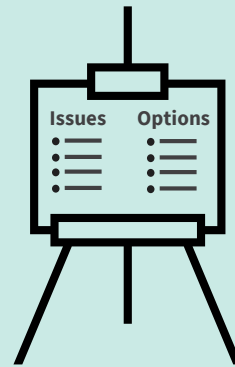
# Developing and testing issues and possible options

We have



analysed the data

and



identified issues and possible options

so we can



if Council agrees,  
test these with the  
community

## LAP scope

### In scope of a LAP



Location



Freeze or cap  
on licences



Trading  
hours



Discretionary  
conditions



One-way door  
restrictions

### Out of scope of a LAP



Alcohol Harm  
Partnership



Alcohol Bans  
(Public Places)



District  
Plan



Alcohol  
Accords



Matters not  
relating to  
alcohol licensing

## Research and engagement - what we've learnt



### Alcohol-related harm is affecting our communities

- Some people and communities are more affected than others.
- People living in communities with higher levels of deprivation are disproportionately affected by alcohol-related harm.



### Alcohol-related harm may be associated with supervised and unsupervised drinking

- Early stakeholder engagement suggested most concerns about availability of alcohol from off-licensed premises
- Police data and Life in Christchurch survey findings indicate on-licensed premises are also associated with alcohol-related harm.









### Communities want more say on alcohol licensing

- Life in Christchurch survey:
  - Many residents want to have more say about licensed premises in their area.
  - Most agreement on need for restrictions on how close licensed premises can be to community facilities.

## Summary of options


- Developed six **possible** options to **test** with the community

OPTION A	OPTION B	OPTION C	OPTION D	OPTION E	OPTION F
					
Reduce trading hours for off-licences	Temporary freeze on new licence applications in high deprivation areas	Restrict licensed premises from being located close to sensitive sites	Reduce trading hours for on-licences in suburban areas	Introduce one-way door restrictions	Use other measures to reduce alcohol-related harm



# Options

**OPTION A**



**Reduce trading hours for off-licences**

## Description

Maximum trading hours reduced:

- From: 7am to 11pm (as current)
- To: 7am to 9pm

## Scope

All off-licensed premises in the district, including:

- Bottle stores
- Supermarkets
- Small grocery/convenience and speciality stores

## Aim

To restrict accessibility of alcohol for consumption in unsupervised drinking environments at night (after 9pm).

## To test with the community

- Does the community support the principle?
- Specifics? Are the times right?

**OPTION B**



**Temporary freeze on new licence applications in high deprivation areas**

## Description

Temporary freeze on issuing licences to new premises in areas of high deprivation in the city.

## Scope

All kinds of licences in commercial areas serving communities with high levels of deprivation.

## Aim

To address the disproportionate level of alcohol-related harm in high deprivation communities by limiting availability.

## To test with the community

- Does the community support the principle?
- Apply across the whole district?
- Apply to all or to only some kinds of licensed premises?

# Options

## OPTION C



**Restrict licensed premises from being located close to sensitive sites**

### Description

No new licensed premises within 100 metres of the following community facilities:

- Early childhood education centres
- Primary and secondary schools
- Addiction/rehabilitation facilities
- Marae
- Places of worship.

### Scope

This would apply to all kinds of new licensed premises across the district.

### Aim

To respond to community preferences that licensed premises are not located close to certain sensitive sites such as schools.

### To test with the community

- Does the community support the principle?
- The right sites?
- The right distance?

## OPTION D



**Reduce trading hours for on-licensed premises in suburban areas**

### Description

Maximum trading hours reduced:

- From: 8am to 4am next day (as current)
- To: 8am to 1am next day

### Scope

This would apply to all premises outside the central city holding an on- or club licence, including:

- Cafés and restaurants
- Pubs, bars, and nightclubs
- Social and sports clubs

### Aim

To reduce alcohol-related harm at night in suburban areas, particularly where there is a concentration of on-licensed premises.

### To test with the community

- Does the community support the principle?
- Is 1am the appropriate time?

# Options

**OPTION E**



**Introduce one-way door restrictions**

**Description**

Introduce one-way door restrictions for on-licensed premises from 2am.

**Scope**

All on-licensed premises across the district.


**Aim**

To encourage people who are drinking late at night (after 2am) to stay in a supervised venue.

**To test with the community**

- Does the community support the principle?
- Is 2am the right time?

**OPTION F**



**Use other measures to reduce alcohol-related harm**

**Description**

Investigate other tools which could be used instead of, or alongside, a Local Alcohol Policy to reduce alcohol-related harm.

**Scope**

This would depend on the tool.

**Aim**

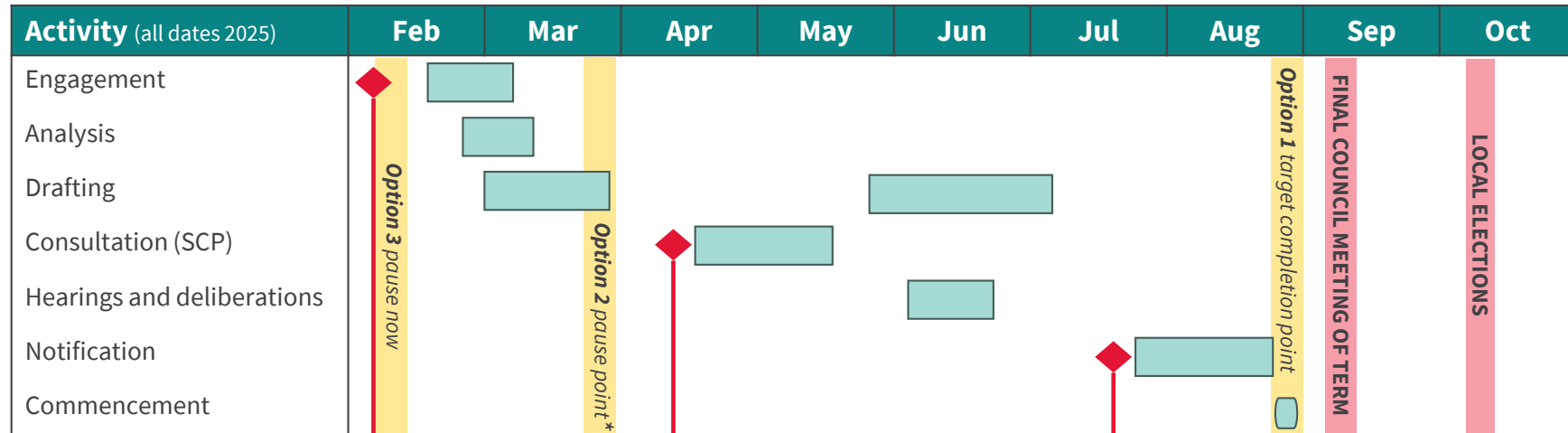
To reduce alcohol-related harm in the district.

**To test with the community**

- We are not seeking community views on specific alternative tools at this stage, but community feedback may help identify whether and, if so which, alternative tools should be considered.

# Timeline options

<b>Option 1</b>	Continue work on a LAP, with the process complete before the local elections in October this year.
<b>Option 2</b>	Engage with the community on issues and options then pause further work on a LAP for the remainder of the current Council term.
<b>Option 3</b>	Pause work on a LAP for the remainder of the current Council term without engaging the community on issues and options.



◆ = Council decision points

Decision on whether to engage on issues and options

Decision on whether to sign-off draft LAP for consultation

Decision on whether to adopt final LAP

**\*Note:** Table shows pre-consultation engagement taking place mid February to early March 2025. This scheduling is necessary to enable completion of LAP development before the local elections in October this year (**Option 1**). If **Option 2** is selected, pre-consultation engagement may move but would still be completed before the elections.

