

Safe. Sensible. Social. Selling Alcohol Responsibly

1. In May 2009 the Government issued the above consultation document on the proposed new code of practice for alcohol retailers for England and Wales as provided under schedule 4 of the Policing and Crime Bill which has just received its second reading in Parliament.
2. A summary of the consultation and the questions posed is attached. A full copy of the document is available from:
<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/documents/cons-2009-alcohol/>
3. BALANCE the North East Alcohol Office will be submitting a regional response after compiling comments from CDRPs across the region.
4. It is proposed that we contribute to this regional response via the Violence Reduction Group but that we also submit a response from the partnership via the VRG as well which will give us two avenues for our views to be heard.
5. The deadline for responses is the 5th August which is the day after our next meeting scheduled for 4th August. It is proposed that the VRG compile a response on behalf of the Safer Stockton Partnership and that this response is presented to the next meeting.
6. Anyone wishing to contribute to the response can do so by contacting the Community Safety Officer (Alcohol and Violence) Heather Hutchings on 01642 527827 or heather.hutchings@stockton.gov.uk. Responses are required no later than 24th June in order that we can meet the deadline set by BALANCE.
7. Members are asked to approve the approach of submitting a response to both BALANCE and the Home Office and to agree to the response being submitted by the VRG on our behalf.

Community Safety Manager
3rd June 2009