Simplification of Licensing

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Background

• LGA report ‘Rewiring Licensing’
  • Autumn Statement 2014
  • Simplification of business licensing
  • Single online application and payment process
Scope

- Licensing Act 2003
- Gambling
- Companion Animals
- Taxi and Private Hire
Stakeholder Engagement

• Licensing Officers

• Government Policy Leads

• Business Representatives

  • LGA

  • IOL
Licensing Act 2003

• Applications and Administration
  • Conditions
  • Enforcement
Gambling

- Machine Permits in 2003 licensed premises
  - Gaming machines combination
  - New risk assessment requirements
Taxis and Private Hire

• Law Commission Draft Bill

• Protections/Safeguarding

  • Cross-border issues

  • Uber

• Enforcement
Companion Animals

- DEFRA
- Sector consultation
Single Online Application and Payment

• What is the current online picture?
  • GOV.UK
  • Benefits
  • Ground up approach
Wider Context

• Role of licensing
  • Developing countries vs UK
  • Wider Regulatory Framework
    • Standards, Market Surveillance, Sanctions
    • Consultation
  • Challenge and Complaints
Licensing Narrative

• Supporting Local Economy

• Maintaining Protections

• Supporting Local Businesses

• Promoting Business Confidence and Growth

• Eg. Taxi/Private Hire and Hospitality
Make Friends

- EDU
- LEP
- Devolution Team
- Local Business Bodies: Chambers, FSB
Good Practice / Pilots

• Cornwall
• Mole Valley
• E. Northants
• Harrow
• E. Riding
Three Messages

1. Better Regulation

2. Narrative

3. Make Friends!
Thank You

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