

**Report of the Head of Legal Services to the
General Licensing Regulatory Board
to be held on the 22 June 2022**

Electrical Safety in Hospitality Venues

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report, is to provide Members with an overview of a project that is currently being undertaken by Health and Safety Environmental Health Officers from Regulatory Services which involves checking the electrical safety in our hospitality and licenced premises.

2. Background

Each year the Health and Safety Executive identify certain topics and sectors for Local Authority Health & Safety Teams to prioritise. This year (2022/23), one area that has been identified is electrical safety in hospitality and in particular licenced premises (pubs/clubs/restaurants).

3. Current Position

The HSE have identified that “The pandemic has meant that many hospitality venues have extended their space to make the most of outdoor areas. As a result all Pubs, restaurants and cafés are urged to ensure their outdoor electrical equipment such as lights and heaters are specifically designed for outdoor use, installed by a competent person and checked regularly”.

4. Proposal

Since the beginning of May the Regulatory Services’ Health & Safety team have begun carrying out inspections of licenced premises regarding their electrical safety. They also review any other health and safety matters that may arise as part of their visit. So far, in general, electrical safety has been acceptable. Some other issues have been identified which are being resolved separately with the business operators.

The principal consideration as always is one of public safety.

Members are asked to support Officers and encourage all licensed premises to ensure that any electrical equipment, including that outdoors, is specifically designed for its intended use.

5. Background Papers

Health and Safety Officer Reports which contain exempt information are not available for public inspection

6. Officer Contact

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