Regulatory Policy Committee	OPINION
Impact Assessment (IA)	Temporary Event Notices (TENs):Reducing the burdens of the Licensing Act 2003
Lead Department/Agency	Home Office
Stage	Consultation
Origin	Domestic
IA Number	Not given
Date submitted to RPC	20/09/2012
RPC Opinion date and reference	01/10/2012 RPC12-HO-1498(2)
Overall Assessment	GREEN

The IA is fit for purpose. The issues raised in our previous opinion (31/08/2012) have been addressed.

Identification of costs and benefits, and the impacts on small firms, public and third sector organisations, individuals and community groups and reflection of these in the choice of options

The issues raised in our previous opinion (31/08/2012) have been addressed. In particular the IA now discusses the potential costs of increased alcohol consumption. While these costs are still not monetised the IA now explains why they are expected to be low and invites consultees to comment on this assumption.

In addition the IA now better explains how the new TENs system will work and what measures have been taken to encourage licensing authorities to make use of this discretionary power.

Have the necessary burden reductions required by One-in, One-out been identified and are they robust?

The IA says that the proposal is a deregulatory measure that has a direct net benefit to business (an 'OUT'). This is consistent with the current One-in, One-out Methodology (paragraph 18) and provides a reasonable assessment of the likely direction of impacts. The evidence supporting the estimated Equivalent Annual Net Cost to Business (EANCB) will have to be further strengthened so that it can be validated at final stage.

Signed Michael Gibbons, Chairman