

City Services Scrutiny Panel
Alcohol and Licensing: Policy Review recommendations 2013/14

Ref	Recommendation	Action	Owner	Due Date	Progress Commentary
(a)	That further work be undertaken to assess evidence from Accident and Emergency in order to identify any areas of the city that may demonstrate a link between the level of crime and disorder and the number of licensed premises	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Liaise with Sunderland Royal Hospital to request relevant data. 2. Analyse data to determine any links. 3. Report findings to Scrutiny Committee. 	Trading Standards and Licensing Manager	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. End Q1 2014/5 2. End Q2 2014/5 3. End Q3 2014/5 	
(b)	That the Council, in consultation with partners, considers whether there is any evidence of a need for a Cumulative Impact Policy in any part of the city	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Liaise with Police and Director of Public Health to identify any relevant evidence. 2. Analyse evidence to determine any justification for any policy. 3. Report findings to Scrutiny Committee. 	Trading Standards and Licensing Manager	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. End Q1 2014/5 2. End Q2 2014/5 3. End Q3 2014/5 	
(c)	That the Council investigates the activities of premises selling takeaway food in relation to the delivery of alcohol with a view to obtaining evidence which may inform future licensing decisions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Liaise with other licensing authorities to obtain any relevant evidence and collate details of relevant licensees in the City 2. Analyse information to determine need to change any policy. 3. Report conclusions to Scrutiny Committee. 	Trading Standards and Licensing Manager	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. End Q1 2014/5 2. End Q2 2014/5 3. End Q3 2014/5 	
(d)	That the Council, at the next revision of the Licensing Policy Statement, includes a model condition which would require an alcohol licensee to be a member of a relevant Pubwatch Scheme	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amendment of Policy Statement 	Trading Standards and Licensing Manager	2016 (when Policy is legally required to be reviewed)	

(e)	That the introduction of a voluntary agreement with licensed premises for a suitable closing hour be explored firstly with partners and then, if necessary, with the relevant Pubwatch scheme in any appropriate areas of the City	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Liaise with Police and Director of Public Health to identify any consensus on a suitable closing hour. 2. If appropriate, to liaise with the relevant Pubwatch scheme. 3. Report outcome to Scrutiny Committee. 	Trading Standards and Licensing Manager	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. End Q1 2014/5 2. End Q2 2014/5 3. End Q3 2014/5 	
(f)	that the Council lobbies central government to introduce measures to tackle the low unit cost of alcohol sold in many supermarkets and other off licensed premises, which can lead to the excessive consumption of alcohol and associated harm to health, and the disparity in cost with alcohol sold at on-licensed premises where alcohol consumption occurs in a regulated environment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Write to Home Office with the views of the Scrutiny Committee. 	Trading Standards and Licensing Manager	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. End Q1 2014/5 	
(g)	That the Place Boards receive information on licensing law in order to facilitate the assistance of residents in pursuing their rights to apply for the review by the Council of the licences of premises that they feel create problems for the community	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide briefing to each Place Board on licence reviews. 2. Produce advice note on the subject for publishing on the Council's website. 	Trading Standards and Licensing Manager	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. End Q2 2014/5 2. End Q2 2014/5 	