

POLICY DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW 20010/11: DRAFT FINAL REPORT

LINK TO WORK PROGRAMME: POLICY DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW

Report of the Chief Executive

**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: SP3: SAFE CITY
CORPORATE PRIORITIES: CIO1, CIO4**

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The report provides Members of the Committee with the final draft report from the evidence gathered in relation to this year's policy review into Alcohol, Violence and the Night Time Economy.
- 1.2 The review report presents in detail the evidence, research and conclusions drawn throughout the review process and recommendations arising from this evidence gathering. Members are asked to give consideration to the final report and the recommendations of the policy review.
- 1.3 The review into Alcohol, Violence and the Night Time Economy has clear links to the Councils Strategic Priority of Safe City. The review also has links to Corporate Priorities on delivering customer focused services and improving partnership working.

2. Background

- 2.1 At its meeting on 8th June 2010 following discussions regarding the work programme the Committee agreed the policy review would focus on Alcohol, Violence and the Night Time Economy.
- 2.2 The review came at an important time in light of the work being undertaken at both regional and national levels. The Committee used its skills and expertise to conduct a wide range of evidence gathering activities to inform the review. The Safer Sunderland Strategy was considered as part of the review. The strategy has the ambitious aim that:

“by 2023, Sunderland will be a city where people feel, and are, safe and secure where they can enjoy life without the concerns of being a victim of crime or harmed.”

3. The Draft Final Report

- 3.1 The draft final report on Alcohol, Violence and the Night Time Economy is attached as an appendix to this report and presents members with the facts and evidence that have been gathered throughout the review process. As part of the review process evidence was obtained from a variety of national, regional and local key witnesses and stakeholders.

3.2 The report is divided into a number of sections which provide the background information to the review, how the review was carried out and the findings and conclusions from the review process. The findings from the review reflect the following themes:

- The relationship between alcohol and violent crime;
- Preventative work to ensure a safe city centre;
- Early Intervention activity;
- Enforcement activity; and
- Support for victims and intervention work with offenders.

3.3 Members are asked to read the report and comment on the content with particular reference to the recommendations arising from the evidence gathered and presented in the report. Members may wish to amend the report for purposes of accuracy, clarity or relevance to ensure the report is a true reflection of the work undertaken.

4. Conclusion

4.1 The Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee are presented with a final draft copy of the policy review document for comment and amendment with the aim of producing a final report for presentation and approval by Cabinet.

5. Recommendation

5.1 That the Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee provide comments on the final draft report and that any agreed amendments are made.

5.2 That consideration is given to the recommendations contained in the final draft report.

5.3 That the agreed final report is presented to the Cabinet for approval at its June 2011 meeting.

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