

CABINET MEETING – 16 APRIL 2014

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Scrutiny Committee – Policy Review Final Reports 2013/14

Author(s):

Report of the Scrutiny Committee, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Public Health.

Purpose of Report:

To set out the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee following its scrutiny policy reviews into Alcohol and Licensing in Sunderland and Child Obesity.

Description of Decision:

To consider and approve the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee and the proposed Action Plans for their implementation.

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? ***Yes**

If not, Council approval is required to change the Budget/Policy Framework

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

The scrutiny policy review recommendations are intended to inform the future development of policy and practice by Cabinet.

Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:

The Scrutiny Committee and its Scrutiny Panels have gathered detailed evidence and arrived at conclusions and recommendations which are intended to improve services. There are no alternatives to be considered.

Impacts analysed;

Equality Privacy Sustainability Crime and Disorder

Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? **Yes**

Is it included in the 28 day Notice of Decisions? **Yes**

Scrutiny Committee

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – POLICY REVIEW FINAL REPORTS

Report of the Scrutiny Committee, the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Public Health

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To set out the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee following its scrutiny policy reviews into Alcohol and Licensing in Sunderland and Child Obesity.

2. Description of Decision (Recommendations)

- 2.1 The Cabinet is requested to consider the Scrutiny Committee's policy review final reports and endorse the recommendations contained within the reports.
- 2.2 To assist the Cabinet in its consideration of the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee, a proposed Action Plan for the implementation of these recommendations has been prepared in consultation with the appropriate Portfolio Holders.

3. Background

- 3.1 On 13 June 2013, the Scrutiny Committee identified a number of policy review topics based on issues highlighted at the council's Annual Scrutiny Debate. Each of the Committee's six Scrutiny Panels were commissioned to undertake policy reviews during the municipal year
- 3.2 Two of the seven policy reviews were completed and agreed by the Scrutiny Committee at its meeting of 13 February 2014. The remaining five policy reviews will be submitted to Cabinet at its June 2014 meeting.

4 Current Position

- 4.1 The two policy review reports, together with an Action Plan for the implementation of the recommendations, are attached as an appendix as follows:-
 - (a) City Services Scrutiny Panel Policy Review – Alcohol and Licensing in Sunderland (**Appendix 1a and 1b**); and
 - (b) Children's Services Scrutiny Panel Policy Review – Child Obesity (**Appendix 2a and 2b**)

5. Reasons for the Decision

- 5.1 The recommendations are intended to support the future development of policy and practice by the Cabinet.

6. Alternative Options

- 6.1 The Scrutiny Committee and its Scrutiny Panels have gathered detailed evidence and arrived at conclusions and recommendations which are intended to develop policy within the Council. There are no alternatives to be considered.

7 Impact Analysis

Equalities

- 7.1 Equality issues were addressed during the evidence gathering process and this is reflected in the recommendations. Service directorates have undertaken an equality analysis in respect of the delivery of the recommendations.

Privacy Impact Assessment

- 7.2 The proposals have no immediate additional implications for the protection of privacy of the public. Any privacy issues which arise will be addressed through the delivery of the action planning process.

Sustainability

- 7.3 The proposals have no immediate implications for sustainability.

Reduction of Crime & Disorder – Community Cohesion / Social Inclusion

- 7.4 Any crime and disorder issues will be addressed as part of the delivery of the action plan by Members and officers.

8. Relevant Considerations / Consultations

- 8.1 The findings in the report are the result of consultation and evidence gathering by the Scrutiny Committee.

9. Background Papers

Final reports of the City Services Scrutiny Panel and the Children's Services Scrutiny Panel.

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