

COMMUNITY AND SAFER CITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

9th NOVEMBER 2010

ALCOHOL, VIOLENCE AND THE NIGHT TIME ECONOMY: PROGRESS REPORT

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: SP 3: SAFE CITY

CORPORATE PRIORITIES: CIO1: Delivering Customer Focused Services, CIO4: Improving Partnership Working to Deliver 'One City'.

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide members with an ongoing progress report in relation to this years policy review around Alcohol, Violence and the Night time Economy

2. Background

- 2.1 An initial scoping document providing several options for detailed focus was presented to the Committee on 6th July 2010. A further report was presented at the 14th September 2010 meeting which added structure to the review and further focus on the subject area.
- 2.2 The title of the review was agreed as Alcohol, Violence and the Night time Economy. It was agreed that a task and finish group would be set up to investigate Licensing and enforcement of the city's Licensing Policy.

3. Progress on the Policy Review

- 3.1 The second meeting of the task and finish group will take place in November. The group will consider evidence from Sarah Howson, Licensing Co-ordinator, Northumbria Police and Tom Terrett, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager.
- 3.2 All members of the Committee will be invited to the next task and finish group. Regular updates will be provided to the Committee regarding the evidence gathered by the task and finish group.
- 3.3 There have been two dates suggested for the visit to the City Centre, the 4th December 2010 and the 11th December 2010. The police have advised that a maximum of three members should attend on each visit. When the number of attendees have been confirmed an itinerary will be developed to ensure realistic observations of the City Centre will be

obtained. Should additional visits be required, these will be arranged over the coming months.

- 3.4 Cllr Heron attended the Best Bar None Awards in his role as Chair of the Committee. The awards were held on Sunday 17th October at the Stadium of Light in Sunderland. The Best Bar None scheme is a national scheme, now operating in over 100 towns and cities across the UK, which recognises and celebrates well managed licensed premises within the evening economy. Verbal feedback from the awards will be provided at Committee.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 That members note and comment on the progress in relation to the policy review.

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