

LICENSING COMMITTEE

4 JUNE 2013

REPORT OF HEAD OF REGULATORY SERVICES

LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE ALCOHOL AND LICENSING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform Members of the aims, objectives and outcomes of the Leicester and Leicestershire Alcohol Licensing Improvement Project.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 For members to note and comment on this project and its outcomes.

3.0 KEY ISSUES

3.1 This project was initiated by the Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership.

3.2 The aims of the project were to ensure that adequate, effective and appropriate arrangements are in place across Leicester and Leicestershire to deal with alcohol licensing and enforcement.

3.3 The key areas of focus were consistency and clarity of process, competency, communication, sharing of information and recognising compliant businesses.

3.4 The project deliverables and outcomes were:

- Training packages for Officers and Members;
- New set of model conditions to be used when appropriate by members and applicants;
- A range of procedures and policies including applications processes and Licensing Sub Committee procedures;
- A reviewed guidance for Magistrates on Licensing appeals;
- New terms of reference have been devised for the Leicester and Leicestershire Licensing Forum providing more structure and accountability. A work plan will be devised and the forum will report directly to the Regulatory Services Partnership;
- Alcohol Licensing Information Scheme to help identify compliant businesses;
- Hotspot mapping - Analysis of crime and hospital admissions data has been undertaken and mapped, highlighting crime hotspots. This work will be undertaken annually.

4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 All current policies are in line with the policies identified and reviewed in this process.

4.2 A new set of model conditions is available for use when appropriate.

4.3 Any current procedures have been aligned with procedures recommended by this project.

5.0 **FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no financial or other resource implications.

6.0 **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 The reviewed Guidance to Magistrates will help to ensure a consistency of decision making countywide.

7.0 **COMMUNITY SAFETY**

7.1 The Licensing Officer and Enforcement Officers will continue to work with Police and other agencies. The outcomes of this project will assist in a consistency of approach across Leicester and Leicestershire and help to reduce crime and disorder and have an impact on alcohol abuse and anti social behaviour.

8.0 **EQUALITIES**

8.1 There are no equality impact assessment implications.

9.0 **RISKS**

9.1 There are no risks identified with this report.

10.0 **CONSULTATION**

10.1 None

11.0 **WARDS AFFECTED**

11.1 All Wards

12.0 **CLIMATE CHANGE**

12.1 There are no climate change implications relating to this report.

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Background Papers: None

Reference: