

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting12th March 2015

1. Title of Item/Report

Scrutiny Review of Licensing and Public Health

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that presented the Corporate and Social Inclusion Select Committee findings following the Scrutiny Review of Licensing and Public Health.

The Corporate and Social Inclusion Select Committee explored the opportunities for addressing the health concerns of Stockton Borough residents through the licensing regime and considered designating special policies across specific areas of the borough i.e. Cumulative Impact Zones (also known as saturation zones) to deal with a proliferation of particular outlets including premises licensed to sell alcohol.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The planning department work with the public health team to draft policy for consideration of appropriate hot food takeaway locations in the borough to be included planning documents.

2. Preliminary consideration of public health's strategic goals should reflect the promotion of the four licensing objectives and that the DPH and public health team:-

- engage with the licensing authority when the Statement of Licensing Policy (SLP) is reviewed and what the review process will be
- conduct a health-impact assessment of alcohol in the local area or a specific study to assess if problems arise from the cumulative impact of licensed premises; or, where one has been completed, assess its relevance to licensing
- engage with and collect the local views of the community and wider public health community
- investigate the health data for the area, including the wider public health and local alcohol profiles for England (LAPE)

- engage the health and wellbeing board (HWB) in the consultation process to identify issues that would benefit from the support of licensing
- reference the SLP in alcohol harm-reduction strategies and other key local public health documents to ensure public health and licensing are aligned

3. Stockton Borough Council lobby its local MPs in support of the Directors of Public Health campaign for public health issues to become an objective in licensing to which the Council carries out its functions under the Licensing Act 2003.

4. Appropriate and relevant Balance report findings are taken into consideration during the review of Stockton Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

5. Stockton Borough Council consider, where necessary, introducing a "Cumulative Impact Zone Policy" in relation to where the number, type and density of licensed premises are concentrated and serious problems of nuisance and disorder may arise or have been shown to arise at licensed premises, outside licensed premises or otherwise connected with such premises.

6. SBC Trading Standards Department continue to monitor the position of the price of local alcohol sales and to take appropriate action when alcohol is sold for less than cost of duty plus VAT.

7. Stockton Borough Council lobby its local MPs in support of the Directors of Public Health and Public Health England's campaign for the introduction of a national minimum unit pricing of alcohol.

8. Stockton Borough Council support the Local Government Association campaign for the introduction of locally-set licensing fees allowing local authorities to recover the actual cost of applications.

3. Reasons for the Decision

The report presents the findings of the scrutiny review that took place as part of the agreed work programme for 2013/14.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight on Friday, 20th March 2015

Proper Officer
16 March 2015