

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....21st June 2018

1. Title of Item/Report

Introduction of a Licenced Premises Award Scheme: Setting the Bar

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that proposed a licensed premises award scheme for Stockton which promoted a thriving, safe, night-time economy supporting improvements in the management of licensed premises and promoting responsible drinking in Stockton.

In the absence of a suitable national accreditation scheme, the alternative would be to develop a bespoke scheme for Stockton Borough.

Attached to the report was a proposed scheme. The scheme was based on meeting a range of standards (mandatory, desirable and exceptional) in respect of the four licensing principles.

The scheme would apply to all existing licensed premises, clubs with a further phase of the scheme to include off-sales in Stockton.

Originally it was proposed that premises meeting all the mandatory standards would receive Bronze status; premises meeting all mandatory and all desirable standards would receive Silver status; and premises meeting all mandatory, all desirable and all exceptional standards would receive Gold status. However, following feedback from the Trade it was felt more appropriate that bronze would continue to be awarded to premises meeting all the mandatory standards and that premises meeting all of the mandatory and a percentage of desirable standards would achieve silver and similarly gold would be awarded to premises meeting all mandatory and a percentage of desirable and exceptional standards. Justification would need to be provided to allow a judgement to be made.

Premises achieving Gold award could have the option of presentation of their award at Full Council.

Assessment forms would be available for on-line completion as well as hard copy and it was suggested that assessments could be carried out on a quarterly basis by volunteers from the Talent Network as part of a

rolling programme.

The accreditation results would be published on the Council's website.  
The three routes into the scheme were detailed within the report.

RESOLVED that the introduction of the licensed premises award scheme for Stockton be agreed.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To inform Members of a licensed premises award scheme for Stockton.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None.

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Nigel Cooke declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 10 - Introduction of a Licenced Premises Award Scheme: Setting the Bar as he was a member of Tees Music Alliance.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

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

Midnight, 29 June 2018.

Proper Officer  
25 June 2018