

## **Corporate and Social Inclusion Select Committee**

### **Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 25 November 2014**

#### **Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)**

##### **Review of Licensing and Public health**

The scope of the review is to provide:

- The opportunities for addressing health concerns of Stockton Borough residents through licensing by:
  - regulating the number and concentration of outlets. In particular:
    - planning permission for fast food outlets should include consideration of the potential impacts on prevention and reduction of cardiovascular disease
    - planning permission could be restricted in certain areas (e.g. within walking distance of schools)
    - there could be a review and amendment of classes of use orders to address disease prevention related to the concentration of fast food outlets.
  - 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.

The Committee met on 15 October and took evidence from Spatial Planning and the Planning Department regarding the ability to limit the numbers of fast food outlets especially in close proximity to schools. The Committee is due to discuss licensing limits in particular as the Council's policy is due for a refresh next year.

The Committee will report to Cabinet in March 2015.