

Corporate and Social Inclusion Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 3 February 2015

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 19 December with the Trading Standards and Licensing Manager to discuss the local authority's Director of Public Health role as a 'responsible authority' who must be fully notified of applications and who is entitled to make representations to the licensing authority in relation to the application for the grant, variation or review of a premises licence.

The Licensing Act 2003 (the Act) promotes the following objectives but health is not a material consideration:

- a) the prevention of public nuisance
- b) the prevention of crime and disorder
- c) ensuring public safety
- d) protection of children from harm

The Committee meet on 20 January to consider a summary of evidence and to identify possible recommendations.

The Committee will report to Cabinet in March 2015.