

**CABINET RESPONSE TO REPORT OF COMMITTEE RE: 'HOW TO REDUCE
CRIME AND DISORDER IN THE NIGHT TIME ECONOMY IN A TIME OF
AUSTERITY'**

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an overview of the Cabinet response to the recommendations from this Committee's scrutiny of 'How to Reduce Crime and Disorder in the Night Time Economy in a Time of Austerity'.

Background

2. At its meeting of 16 September 2015, the Community and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee agreed a Task & Finish group to investigate how to reduce crime and disorder in the Night Time Economy in a time of austerity. The suggestion of a Night Time Economy Crime and Disorder scrutiny was made by South Wales Police, who specifically asked for scrutiny focusing on how, in times of austerity, partners can work together to ensure a sustainable operating model for managing the night time economy and major events, as well as scrutiny of licensing hearings.
3. The Committee agreed the following Terms of Reference for the task group:
 - To take a solution focused approach to identifying how best to reduce crime and disorder in the Night Time Economy (NTE) in Cardiff in a time of reducing public and third sector resources, including:

- Exploring the role of licensing, Business Improvement Districts (BID), Late Night Levy, taxi marshalls, street pastors and Alcohol Treatment Centres;
- Exploring partnership working and resource allocation associated with managing the Night Time Economy in Cardiff.
- To gather stakeholders' views with regard to the above, including statutory partners, city centre business representatives, third sector organisations representatives and relevant Cabinet Members and Cardiff Council officers.
- To explore relevant best practice in external organisations and other local authorities, that is transferable to Cardiff, including the work of the South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner's Violent Crime Reduction team.
- To make evidence based recommendations to improve the reduction of crime and disorder in the Night Time Economy in Cardiff in a time of austerity.

4. Members of the Task & Finish group were:

- Councillor Mary McGarry (Chair)
- Councillor Chris Lomax
- Councillor Eleanor Sanders.

5. The task group Inquiry was informed by evidence from the relevant Cabinet Member and senior officers as follows:

- **Councillor Phil Bale** – Leader, with responsibility for Economic Development and Partnerships
- **Councillor Daniel De'Ath** – Cabinet Member (Skills, Safety, Engagement and Democracy)
- **Councillor Peter Bradbury** – Cabinet Member (Community Development, Co-operatives and Social Enterprise)
- **Councillor Jacqueline Parry** – Chair of Licensing Committee
- Neil Hanratty – Director of Economic Development
- Jonathan Day – Economic Policy Manager

- Claire Hartrey – Licensing Group Leader
- Dave Holland – Head of Shared Regulatory Services
- Peter King – Senior Partnership Analyst Officer
- Paul Williams – City Centre Manager.

6. The task group Inquiry also heard from the following external witnesses:

- Chief Inspector Dan Howe – South Wales Police (Partnerships)
- Inspector Chris Owen – South Wales Police (City Centre)
- Conrad Eydmann – Head of Partnership Strategy and Commissioning, Cardiff & Vale University Health Board
- Dr Sharon Hopkins – Director of Public Health
- Wayne Parsons – Senior Nurse, Alcohol Treatment Centre and A&E, Cardiff & Vale University Health Board
- Professor John Shepherd - Chair, Violence Prevention Group, Cardiff & Vale University Health Board
- Ashley Hopkins – Director, Cardiff Business Safe
- Keith Kimber – Cardiff Radio Net
- Nick Newman – Chair Cardiff Licensee Forum
- Gary Smith – Street Pastors.
- Margaret Waters - General Manager, Park Plaza, Greyfriars Road + Chair Cardiff Hoteliers Association
- Stephen Docking - Night Manager, Park Plaza, Greyfriars Road.

7. Members invited written submissions and received responses from the following:

- **Chair of Cardiff Business Improvement District Task Group.**

8. The task group also received evidence from desk based research looking at approaches taken elsewhere in the U.K. with regard to tackling crime and disorder in the Night Time Economy, including Business Improvement Districts, Late Night Levy and Local Alcohol Action Areas. Members also used the Welsh Government draft 'Framework for Managing the Night Time Economy in Wales' to identify areas to explore with witnesses and via desk based research.

9. Evidence from all of the above was used to identify suitable findings and recommendations from the Inquiry. The Inquiry Report was agreed at Committee on 2 March 2016 and was presented to Cabinet on 21 March 2016. The full Inquiry report and research report are available at:

<http://cardiff.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=151&MIId=2614>

Cabinet Response to Recommendations

10. Overall, the Committee made fifteen recommendations to the Cabinet.

11. The Cabinet agreed their response at their meeting 27 July 2016. The full response is attached at **Appendix A** and shows that:

- 12 - of the recommendations are accepted – R1, R2, R3, R4, R7, R8, R9, R10, R12, R13, R14, R15.
- 3 - are partially accepted – R5, R6, R11.
- 0 - are not accepted.

Way Forward

12. Councillor Daniel De'Ath, Cabinet Member (Skills, Safety, Engagement and Democracy) and Neil Hanratty (Director of Economic Development and Commercial Services) have been invited to present the Cabinet Response and answer Members' questions on this.

Legal Implications

13. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters under review are

implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any legal implications arising from those recommendations. All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. Scrutiny Procedure Rules; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

Financial Implications

14. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct financial implications at this stage in relation to any of the work programme. However, financial implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any financial implications arising from those recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is recommended to receive the Cabinet response and agree the way forward for receiving progress reports on the work required in response to the recommendations in the report.

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