
DRAFT NIGHT TIME ECONOMY STRATEGY – PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY

Purpose of Report

1. This report provides the Committee with background information to enable Members to carry out pre-decision scrutiny of the draft “Delivering a Safe and Welcoming Night Time Economy” Strategy 2017-22 prior to its consideration by the Cabinet at its meeting on the 16th November 2017.
2. A copy of the draft Cabinet Report is attached at **Appendix 1**, which in turn contains:
 - Appendix A - Cardiff’s Night Time Economy Strategy 2017-2022
 - Appendix B - Equality Impact Assessment
 - Appendix C – Statutory Policy Screening

Background

3. During 2015/16, the Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee conducted an Inquiry on **“How to reduce Crime and Disorder in the Night Time Economy in a time of Austerity”**¹. The Inquiry produced 15 recommendations to the Cabinet for consideration – 12 of which were fully accepted and 3 partially accepted². A copy of the report is available on request.

¹ CASSC Inquiry Report – How to reduce crime and disorder in the night time economy in a time of austerity – March 2016

² CASSC Annual Report 2016/17

4. One of the recommendations (R2) stated *“the Night-Time Economy Champion has lead responsibility for the development of an Action Plan that will be required in response to the Welsh Government’s Framework for Managing the Night Time Economy in Wales”*.
5. The response from the Cabinet stated that a Night Time Economy Strategy would be developed for the city, which would take into account Welsh Government’s final framework, once published ³.
6. Arising from this, the attached draft “Delivering a Safe and Welcoming Night Time Economy” Plan 2017-22 (**Appendix A**) has been developed in partnership through a Night Time Economy Steering Group, which is a sub-group of the Safer & Cohesive Communities Programme Board, which itself sits underneath the Cardiff Public Services Board.
7. The following organisations and boards have been engaged and consulted on the development of the Plan:
 - Safer & Cohesive Communities Programme Board
 - Executive Public Services Board
 - Legal Services
 - South Wales Police
 - Cardiff & Vale University Health Board
 - Cardiff BID
 - Shared Regulatory Services
 - Licensee Forum

³ Response to the report of the Community & Adult Services Scrutiny report entitled “how to reduce crime and disorder in the night-time economy in a time of austerity” report of Corporate Director Resources – 27 July 2016

Issues

8. As set out in detail in the attached document (**Appendix A**), there are three overarching priority areas that have been identified for Cardiff's night-time economy:

- Movement in and around the night-time economy (**page 8**)
- Preventing crime and disorder in the night-time economy (**page 11**)
- A safe and welcoming night-time economy for all (**page 15**)

9. Under each of these priorities, the strategy sets out:

- What's going well
- What we want to develop
- Action Plan

10. In order to achieve the three priorities above, the strategy aims to:

- Make Cardiff a safe, welcoming and diverse night time economy
- Improve infrastructure and transport in Cardiff's night time economy
- Better understand why people choose to visit Cardiff's night time economy and why they choose not to
- Attract a wide range of customers by offering a greater variety of options
- Change any negative perceptions of Cardiff's night time economy
- Work with partners to ensure that funding for existing best practice can be sustained

11. The report attached at **Appendix 1** calls for the Cabinet to approve the strategy for sign off by all relevant partners as outlined in the report.

Way Forward

11. At this meeting, the following witnesses will be in attendance:

- i) Councillor Lynda Thorne (Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities)
- ii) Joe Reay (Head of Performance and Partnerships)

12. Pre-decision scrutiny aims to inform the Cabinet's decisions by making evidence based recommendations. Scrutiny Members are advised to:

- i) look at the information provided in the report to Cabinet to see if this is sufficient to enable the Cabinet to make an informed decision;
- ii) check the financial implications section of the Cabinet report to be aware of the advice given;
- iii) check the legal implications section of the Cabinet report to be aware of the advice given;
- iv) check the recommendations to Cabinet to see if these are appropriate.

13. Members will then be able to decide what comments, observations or recommendations they wish to pass on to the Cabinet for their consideration prior to making their decisions.

Legal 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 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

15. 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.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- i. Consider the proposed draft report attached and whether it wishes to relay any comments or observations for inclusion in the consultation, for consideration by the Cabinet at its meeting on the 16 November 2017; and
- ii. Decide the way forward with regard to any further scrutiny of this issue.

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