

**COMMUNITY & ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEES - SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION
SCOPING EXERCISE SUMMARY SHEET**

How To Reduce Crime And Disorder In The Night Time Economy In A Time Of Austerity.

TYPE OF SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION: Task and Finish Inquiry

Terms of Reference

- 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 marshals, street pastors and Alcohol Treatment Centres:
 - Exploring partnership working and resource allocation associated with managing the NTE 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.

Task & Finish Group Recommended? **Yes**

Meeting One

Task Group Members
Scrutiny Officer

Context Briefing

- Comprehensive report providing background context to the main issues, to include the following:
- Overview of crime and disorder in Cardiff associated with the Night Time Economy, using partnership data regarding violent crime, Anti Social Behaviour and Accident and Emergency attendances.
 - Overview of existing policy and resource landscape regarding tackling crime and disorder in the Night Time Economy in Cardiff, including:
 - relevant strategies, policies and plans including What Matters, Corporate Plan, Strategic Equality Plan, Directorate Delivery Plans, Licensing Policy, Safer and Cohesive Communities Programme Night Time Economy reports and reports regarding the BID.
 - Overview of historic and existing service provision by Council, statutory partners and third sector providers.
 - Welsh Government Consultation Document 'A Framework for Managing the Night Time Economy in Wales' issued 24 September 2015
 - Relevant good practice in tackling crime and disorder associated with the NTE, capable of being replicated in Cardiff, which has been identified via desk based research by scrutiny services, including work in Swansea and Manchester, pilot projects funded by the Home Office, work identified by the Police and Crime Commissioner Violent Crime reduction team, and various national campaigns to tackle NTE related crime e.g. Good Night Out campaign.

<p>Meeting Two</p> <p>To include as available:</p> <p>Statutory Partners</p> <p>City centre business representatives</p> <p>Third sector organisations representatives</p>	<p>Evidence Gathering</p> <p>To receive evidence, either in person or written, from following external witnesses, regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - what is currently working well in reducing crime and disorder associated with the NTE in Cardiff; - what issues face witnesses regarding crime and disorder associated with the NTE in Cardiff; and - views and perspectives on how to further improve approaches in Cardiff in a time of austerity. <p>Potential witnesses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Wales Police – officers with responsibility for partnership working, city centre policing and licensing; • Cardiff & Vale University Health Board – including Professor Sheppard (Chair, Violent Crimes Working Group), Abigail Harries (Director of Planning), Dr. Sharon Hopkins (Director of Public Health) and the lead officer for the Alcohol Treatment Centre; • Licensing Forum representative • Business Forum representative • Taxi Forum representative • Street Pastors representative • Radio Net representative
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<p>Meeting Four</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant Cabinet Members • Relevant Cardiff Council officers • Mosaic Consultancy 	<p>Evidence Gathering - Round Table Discussion</p> <p>To hear the views of internal witnesses on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - what is currently working well in reducing crime and disorder associated with the NTE in Cardiff; - what issues face witnesses regarding crime and disorder associated with the NTE in Cardiff; and - views and perspectives on how to further improve approaches in Cardiff in a time of austerity. <p>To hear the views of internal witnesses on the issues raised by external witnesses and the suggestions received from external witnesses on how to further improve crime and disorder reduction related to the NTE in Cardiff.</p> <p>Internal witnesses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant Cabinet Members • Officers with responsibility for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Economic Development; ○ City Centre Management, including taxi marshalling; ○ Events; ○ Licensing; and ○ Partnership Working and Community Safety. <p>Mosaic Consultancy to also be invited to advise re work on BID and Late Night Levy</p>
<p>Meeting Five</p> <p>Consideration of evidence</p>	<p>Consideration of Evidence</p> <p>Members to consider all evidence, information and views received during the Inquiry, to discuss and agree key findings and possible recommendations; and to agree the way forward for the drafting of the inquiry report.</p>
<p>Meeting Six</p> <p>Draft Report</p>	<p>Key Findings and Recommendations</p> <p>Members to consider draft report, including agreeing key findings and recommendations.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Proposed Reporting Arrangements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigation to be undertaken November 2015 – December 2015 • Report to be considered by the Scrutiny Committee 6 January 2016 • Report from Scrutiny to Cabinet January 2016 	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Potential Outputs/Outcomes from this Investigation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of issues facing agencies working to reduce crime and disorder associated with the NTE in Cardiff in a time of austerity • Identification of solutions to reducing crime and disorder associated with the NTE in Cardiff in a time of austerity 	