

Review Title: Alcohol Harm Reduction

Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel: A joint review by ECD, EYCY, PTE and Wellbeing PDS Panels led by Cllr Brett, and reporting to Wellbeing PDS Panel

Panel Chair and Vice Chair: Cllr Pritchard and Cllr Beath

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Process for Tracking PD&S Recommendations - Guidance note for Cabinet Members

The enclosed table lists all the recommendations arising from the above Policy Development & Scrutiny Review. Individual recommendations are referred to the relevant named Cabinet Members (or whole Cabinet in the case of a whole Cabinet referral) as listed in the '**Cabinet Member**' column of the table. Cabinet members are requested to seek help from your relevant service Officers within your portfolio to help complete the Rationale for your response. A copy of this has also been forwarded to your appropriate Lead Officer. In order to provide the PD&S Panel with a Cabinet response on each recommendation, the named Cabinet member (or whole Cabinet) is asked to complete the last 3 columns of the table as follows:

Decision Response

The Cabinet has the following options:

- **Accept** the Panel's recommendation
- **Reject** the Panel's recommendation
- **Defer** a decision on the recommendation because a response cannot be given at this time. This could be because the recommendation needs to be considered in light of a future Cabinet decision, imminent legislation, relevant strategy development or budget considerations, etc.

Implementation Date

- For 'Accept' decision responses, give the date that the recommendation will be implemented.
- For 'Defer' decision responses, give the date that the recommendation will be reconsidered.
- For 'Reject' decisions this is not applicable so write n/a

Rationale

Use this space to explain the rationale for your decision response and implementation date. For accepted recommendations, please give details of how they will be implemented.

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| <p><u>A local licensing policy that considers a broader range of issues and impacts</u></p> <p>6 Refresh the B&NES licensing policy to acknowledge prevention of alcohol harm with such inclusions as:</p> <p>a. Incorporate health into licensing policy at a local level;</p> <p>ECD PDS Panel (13 March):</p> <p>Due to a perceived inconsistency, the panel sought clarification over whether it was possible to incorporate health into licensing policy</p> <p>b. A vision of what B&NES' night time economy will look like (including an overview of cultural expectations). This high-level vision to be supplemented by district level aspirations (such as Bath, Keynsham, Midsomer Norton, Radstock</p> | <p>Cllr Dixon</p> <p>Cllr Dixon</p> | <p>a) Accept</p> <p>a) Accept</p> <p>b) Accept</p> | <p>July 2014</p> <p>New Policy on forward plan. Currently July 2014.</p> | <p>a) Yes – could be included in consultation on new policy (Spring 2014). Licensing Officers already researching other areas of good practice.</p> <p>The four licensing objectives are enshrined in the legislation and health is not one of them. However, officers are reviewing other policies and guidance notes (will be consulting on) and intend to include in the good practice notes (planned to accompany the policy) reference to a number of public health related initiatives. The formal policy is expected to mirror the LGA good practice model.</p> <p>b) Key elements would fit in strategy and could certainly be supported in an introduction to policy. Suggest area/district aspirations should be treated in a similar manner. Clear links between strategy and policy to be re-inforced through this. Date of Policy to Council may slip owing to consultation length</p> |

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| <p>etc.);</p> <p>c. Early Morning Restriction Orders in areas based on resident demand;</p> <p>PTE PDS Panel (4 March):</p> <p>The panel asked the cabinet member to change from reject to defer. Members felt this would allow the door to be left open to re-consider EMROs.</p> <p>d. Appraisal of Cumulative Impact (CI) zones;</p> <p>e. Consideration of 'dry streets' where a community wishes to exclude licensed alcohol traders completely; and</p> <p>ECD PDS Panel (13 March):</p> <p>The panel wanted dry streets investigated further, or to be considered on an area / district basis.</p> | <p>Cllr Dixon</p> <p>Cllr Dixon</p> | <p>c) Reject</p> <p>c) Reject</p> <p>d) Accept</p> <p>e) Reject</p> <p>e) Reject</p> | <p>d) No details on timescales yet.</p> | <p>c) Requires an evidence base to progress and formal consultation process. There is a very clear statutory requirement to demonstrate the need. (Likely resource requirement 1 x 1.0 FTE for 6 months).</p> <p>No change to response. Objective data required to prompt further consideration</p> <p>d) Already in train Jon Poole and Natalia Urry (Policy and Strategy) are researching.</p> <p>e) Insufficient information and evidence.</p> <p>No change to response. Objective data required to prompt further consideration</p> |
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| <p>f. The option of including a condition in a license around minimum unit pricing, high strength alcohol restrictions and/or irresponsible promotions where the evidence suggests this would be appropriate. (PTE/ ECD)</p> | | <p>f) Accept</p> | <p>f) July 2014</p> | <p>f) Yes – could be included in consultation on new policy. Could be based on Newcastle and/or Wakefield model.</p> |
| <p><u>More accessible training that emphasises issues and effects of alcohol harm</u></p> <p>7.1 Establish and deliver a local Best Bar None training scheme for trade staff. (PTE)</p> <p>7.2 B&NES to express an interest in applying a business rate rebate to those premises successfully participating in the Best Bar None scheme. (PTE)</p> | <p>Cllr Dixon</p> <p>Cllr Bellotti</p> | <p>7.1 Defer (Resource required)</p> <p>Reject</p> | | <p>Model exists. Would need resource to take forward. Likely to require 1 x 1.0 FTE for 6 months and thereafter 1 day per week.</p> <p>All local authorities were given discretionary powers to remit business rates in the Localism Act. A rebate should be in the interest of local council tax payers. It would be wholly funded by the council.</p> <p>There would be some administrative costs depending on the nature of the scheme as there would need to be manual reports and inputs. There are 382 properties which could be effected and this does not include any shops. A 5% discount on business rates would cost the Council £558k per annum.</p> <p>The suggestion is therefore rejected on grounds of loss of income to the Council, administrative costs and it would be selecting one business sector for special treatment above others.</p> |

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| <p>Police and Crime Commissioner. The cabinet member was asked to review his response accordingly.</p> <p>9.2 Extend existing initiatives, or foster new approaches in encouraging collective working between all alcohol traders (both on and off-trade). Encourage communication between businesses to allow them to work together optimally and, take a firm approach on sale of alcohol to people inebriated (legislation places licensees responsible for selling alcohol in this manner). (PTE/ECD)</p> | <p>Cllr Dixon / Cllr Stevens</p> | <p>Defer</p> | <p>Links to Best Bar None initiative and training for Licensees and staff. Resource implications.</p> |
| <p><u>Communities that are safer from outcomes of alcohol harm</u></p> <p>10.1 Encourage more integrated community safety work by rolling out further Community Alcohol Partnerships (CAPs) where underage drinking is a problem and residents want a CAP. (ECD)</p> <p>10.2 Tackle alcohol-fuelled domestic violence and abuse by exploring ways of introducing a CAP style model of integrated working across B&NES.</p> | <p>Cllr Dixon</p> | <p>Reject</p> <p>Reject</p> | <p>Community Safety is now a role for the Police Crime Commissioner.</p> <p>Models already in place via the Multi-agency risk assessment conference (MARAC), safeguarding board and connecting families. Integrated Victim Service (PCC) includes domestic violence.</p> <p>There is now a twice yearly meeting being set up of the AG/LSAB/LSBC/HWB and Police and Crime Commissioner to ensure that Strategy of all the above</p> |

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| <p>To develop existing work by the council as part of the public service transformation network. Funding could potentially be earmarked through the community budget that covers this area of work. (ECD)</p> | | <p>Reject</p> | | <p>groups is aligned</p> <p>DV Community Budget work is underway led by Andy Thomas through the PSTN and H&W</p> |
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