



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE 21 April 2010

Report of the Corporate Director of Environmental Services

LICENSING ENFORCEMENT ACTION PLAN

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 To note the information contained in this report about the licensing enforcement action plan.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 At the committee meeting on 14 October 2009, members approved the adoption of a Derbyshire Licensing Protocol. This set out the roles and responsibilities all licensing partners in the City. The adoption of the policy followed a review of licensing undertaken by the General Licensing Committee and Overview and Scrutiny.
- 2.2 A number of recommendations came out of the review process, one of which was to encourage all the partner agencies involved in the licensing process to communicate more effectively.
- 2.3 In order to achieve this, regular meetings were set up between all the agencies identified as responsible authorities under the licensing process. Although they had been taking place, the partners identified that more action was necessary. Subsequently, the aims and functions of the Responsible Authority Meetings (RAM) have been reviewed and all the partners have agreed that it would be beneficial to produce an action plan to help direct the group's work over the next year. This may include issues such as zero tolerance for under-age sales, payment of young people, undercover intelligence gathering, review of 'saturation' with partners, the promotion of weekly joined-up visits at night, planned operations between partners and targeted priorities for licensed premises. A draft action plan is due to be discussed and finalised at the next RAM on 28 April 2010.
- 2.4 The overall aims of the RAM are to:
 - review and co-ordinate a response to local alcohol harm, violent crime and licensing issues within the City
 - implement recommendations and action plans at local level
 - review and implement best practice at local level to tackle alcohol harm and licensing issues
 - utilise the skills and the powers of all partners to deal with all types of violence and alcohol related issues

2.5 The functions of the RAM will aim to:

- reduce alcohol related offending
- reduce harm caused by excessive alcohol consumption
- utilise appropriate legislation for use in specific areas
- promote a good conduct code for licensed premises
- identify problematic premises, open spaces and private areas and take action to improve these
- promote closer working relationships between all relevant bodies
- promote a culture of sensible drinking and raise awareness of the harmful effects of excessive alcohol consumption

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Background papers:	General Licensing Committee, 14 October 2009, Item 6 – Derby and Derbyshire Licensing Protocol
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None directly arising.

Legal

2. None directly arising.

Personnel

3. None directly arising.

Equalities Impact

4. None directly arising.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

5. The recommendations contained in this report contribute to the corporate objectives of **creating a 21st Century City Centre** and **giving excellent services and value for money**.