

Late Night Economy in the Lancaster District Task Group Recommendations

19th July 2017

Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To request Council to consider the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding the Late Night Economy in the Lancaster District Informal Task Group.

This report is public.

RECOMMENDATIONS (Note: recommendations 1 to 4 of the Task Group have been considered by Cabinet)

That Council accepts recommendations 5 and 6 of the Task Group, as set out below:

- (5) That all Members of the Licensing Act Committee take part in an annual early hours visit with the Licensing Team as part of their mandatory training.**
- (6) That the City Council's Policy on the training of staff in licensed premises be reviewed.**

1. Introduction

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee first discussed the creation of an Informal Task Group to consider the night time economy in Lancaster and Morecambe at its Community Safety Meeting on the 18th November 2015. A scoping document setting the scope, purpose of the Task Group and Terms of Reference for the Group was then agreed at the December 2015 meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Details are provided below.

2. Terms of Reference

2.1 The following Terms of Reference for the Task Group were agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- 1. To consider and investigate issues that will help to assist the City Council's priority for Cleaner, Greener and Safer Places.
- 2. To consider how to improve communications between organisations involved in the late night economy, if required.
- 3. To consider how a better balance and improved relations between City/Town people using the night facilities and local residents can be achieved.
- 4. To investigate whether a multi-agency approach is required in order to resolve any issues that are raised.

At the meeting of Overview and Scrutiny on the 27th January 2016 the Committee added the following to the Terms of Reference:

5. To investigate the provision of CCTV.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 The Task Group was set up as an opportunity to improve communications between agencies and to provide a multi-agency approach to issues raised.
- 3.2 The recommendations of the Task Group will assist the City Council in meeting the Corporate Plan priority for Clean and Green Places, improved communications between organisations operating within the late night economy and improve relations between residents of the Town/City Centres and those visiting the centres to utilise the facilities of the late night economy. The proposals of the Task Group were reported to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. It was noted that evidence had been gathered from many different sources such as the Police, Pubwatch, the NHS, BID both Morecambe and Lancaster, as well as Council officers from Licencing, Environmental Services and Street Cleansing.
- 3.3 The Committee discussed the findings and recommendations of the Informal Task Group and made a few minor amendments to the recommendations. These are set out within the recommendations section of this report. Members are advised that, due to timescales, recommendation 2 (a) regarding a PSPO was considered and agreed by Cabinet at its meeting held on 6th December 2016 and therefore does not require further consideration.
- 3.4 A full copy of the Task Group's report is appended. Council is requested to consider the recommendations of the report.

4. Officer Comments

- 4.1 The recommendations, as set out in this report, assist the City Council in meeting the Corporate Plan priority for Clean and Green Places, improved communications between organisations operating within the late night economy and improve relations between residents of the Town/City Centres and those visiting the centres to utilise the facilities of the late night economy.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 Members are asked to consider recommendations 5 and 6 of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as set out in the Task Group report. Recommendations 1 to 4 have been considered by Cabinet.

RELATIONSHIP TO POLICY FRAMEWORK

The recommendations, as set out in this report, assist the City Council in meeting the Corporate Plan priority for Clean and Green Places.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT (including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

There are no direct implications as a result of this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications as a direct result of this report, however, where further

reports are proposed as part of the recommendations of this Task Group the legal implications that may result will be provided and considered as part of that report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It is expected that any member training costs will be met from within existing training budgets.

OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Human Resources:

None arising from this report.

Information Services:

None arising from this report.

Property:

None arising from this report.

Open Spaces:

None arising from this report.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Late Night Economy Task Group report.

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