

Communities & Environment Policy & Scrutiny Committee

18th July 2016

Report of Director of Public Health

Draft Alcohol Strategy 2016 – 2021: Public Consultation

Summary

 The report presents a draft city-wide alcohol strategy (Annex A) which is currently out for public consultation. The committee is asked to read the strategy and to contribute to the consultation process. Specifically, committee members are asked to consider consultation questions shown at Annex B, and the resources and support that might be required to contribute to the achievement of the stated objectives.

Background

2. The draft strategy has been developed in collaboration between a range of statutory and non-statutory agencies working across the City of York area. The creation of an alcohol strategy was requested by the Health and Wellbeing Board who have approved the current draft to go out to public consultation.

Consultation

3. The Health & Wellbeing Board approved the strategy to go out to public consultation. A public consultation via the CYC Consultation page at: https://www.york.gov.uk/info/20034/local_democracy/13/have_your_say_current_consultations began in June with the option to comment open until 6 July 2016. Comments and feedback will be incorporated into the draft strategy before it is returned to the Health and Well Being Board on 7 September for approval.

Options

4. Committee members are asked to read the draft strategy and to provide input into the consultation process.

Analysis

5. Committee members are asked to read the report and to contribute to the consultation process with particular reference to the consultation survey questions (Annex A). This process will inform the development of the strategy that will be presented to the September 2016 Health & Wellbeing Board for consideration and approval.

Council Plan

6. The draft alcohol strategy supports council plan priorities of a prosperous city for all by supporting local businesses, enabling residents to access a range of activities, and to ensure visitors are impressed with our city; a focus on frontline services by supporting people to make healthier choices around alcohol, to access support services where these are needed, supporting children to have the best start in life, and protecting people from harm.

Implications

- 7. **Financial** If there is no alcohol strategy for York there are financial implications for the city associated with the cost of responding to and treating alcohol related health and social harms.
- 8. **Crime and Disorder -** The alcohol strategy will identify approaches to reduce crime and disorder within the City of York.
- 9. There are no HR, Equalities, Legal, IT, Property or other implications associated with the recommendation in this report.

Risk Management

10. The risk of not running a comprehensive public consultation for this draft strategy will delay a collaborative multi-agency approach to addressing alcohol harms and problems currently seen within York.

Recommendation

11. Committee members are asked to consider the draft strategy and to provide input into the consultation process.

Reason: To ensure that the engagement and consultation process takes account of scrutiny committee member views.

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Specialist Implications (Wards Affected:	Officer(s) N/A	All	\checkmark

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Background Papers: N/A

Annexes:

Annex A - DRAFT York Alcohol Strategy 2016 – 2021 **Annex B** - Public Consultation Questions