

Report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services

Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy

Summary

1. This report introduces the North Yorkshire and York Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy 2008-2011 for discussion. Members are requested to consider whether they wish to progress further consideration of the topic as a scrutiny item.

Background

2. In approving the minutes of the June Gambling and Licensing Acts Committee meeting on 3rd October 08 members asked for copies of the North Yorkshire and York Primary Care Trusts (PCT) Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy to be circulated to them. Members also sought additional information regarding the performance of the PCTs alcohol treatment services. A request was made that an agenda item be included for this December meeting with a view to progressing a Scrutiny topic if necessary.
3. An electronic copy of the North Yorkshire and York Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy 2008-2011 was circulated to all committee members straight after the meeting. A copy is also attached to this report for easy reference. Annex 1.
4. Officers have written to The Chief Executive of the North Yorkshire and York Primary Care Trust seeking a response to the issues raised by members. A copy of her previous letter is attached at Annex 2. Further performance data has also been sought from The North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership (NYSP).
5. At the time of writing this report an acknowledgement has been received from the PCT interim Chief Executive but no response from the NYSP. Officers will update the meeting verbally on any further developments.

Consultation

6. No consultation has been carried out in relation to this report other than seeking the responses referred to in the text.

Options

7. Members may wish to pursue this matter as a Scrutiny topic or not.

Analysis

8. There is no officer analysis in relation to the options available to members. However it maybe pertinent to note that the strategy was only launched this year and it maybe too early for it to have had an impact and for any significant performance data to be produced.

Corporate Priorities

9. Alcohol misuse and abuse can lead to detrimental health effects, increased levels of crime and antisocial behaviour thus impacting on the councils priorities to reduce violent, aggressive and nuisance behaviour and to improve health and lifestyles of residents.

Implications

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 - Financial – None
 - Human Resources (HR) –Non
 - Equalities – None
 - Legal - None
 - Crime and Disorder.- None
 - Information Technology (IT) - None
 - Property -None
 - Other- None

Risk Management

11. There are no known risks associated with this report.

Recommendations

12. Members are asked to consider whether they wish to pursue this matter as a scrutiny topic at this time.

Reason: Members have previously indicated their desire to consider this option.

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Specialist Implications Officers None

All

Wards Affected:

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers:

None

Annexes

Annex 1 North Yorkshire and York Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy

Annex 2 Letter from Chief Executive NY and York PCT - 28th July 2008