

Night Time Economy Review – scoping report

Summary

1. This report presents additional information in support of the agreed Health related Night Time Economy scrutiny review, and asks members to agree a timeframe and scope for completing their work on the review.

Background

2. At its meeting on 24 June 2013, the Corporate Scrutiny Management Committee (CSMC) expressed interest in developing a theme around the Night Time Economy worthy of ‘corporate review’, and received a briefing paper in support, as shown at Annex A.
3. The briefing suggested a number of possible areas for review associated with the Night Time Economy which would support the Council’s current key priorities in its Council Plan 2011-2015. They agreed to proceed with the theme and requested each of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees identify a suitable remit / objectives in line with their individual terms of reference.
4. In July 2013, the Committee considered a possible remit for its Night Time Economy Review in line with a suggestion from CSMC:

‘To look at the causes behind the peak times at A&E (between 12-2am) and work with A&E on how to address the causes of this’
5. However, having acknowledged that the evening and night time economy presented a number of challenges to manage from a health standpoint, in particular a peak in violent crime and anti-social behaviour in the evening and night (particularly on

Saturdays), putting a strain on A&E resources at York Hospital between midnight and 2am, Members expressed a preference to refocus the review remit as follows:

‘To work with key partners to identify the relevant issues within the ‘health environment’ (including the impact on A& E at peak times) and suggest what measures need to be taken in order to address the issues identified’

Suggested Way Forward

6. To support the revised remit above, the following review objectives have been drafted for the committee’s consideration:

Draft Objectives:

- i. Investigate potential health risks to residents and visitors to York City Centre at night and early morning
 - ii. Understand how a peak in violent crime and anti-social behaviour in York City Centre impacts on late night and early morning resources at the A&E department
 - iii. Evaluate responses from night time economy consultation to understand people’s perception about visiting A&E at night
 - iv. Examine the impact of any campaigns previously run in York and elsewhere to encourage a reduction in excessive drinking, in an effort to identify successful campaigns for future use in York
7. It is also recognised that the committee will need to meet with several key partners. The following have been suggested by the Director of Public Health & Well-being:
 - The Emergency Department at York Hospital Foundation Trust - Dr Gill Kelly and Gordon Cooney;
 - The Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group - Dr Andrew Phillips and Fiona Bell;
 - The GP Out of Hours Service - Dr Mike Holmes;
 - Yorkshire Ambulance service;
 - York Street Angels - volunteers who walk the city streets into the early hours on Friday and Saturday nights caring for, practically helping and listening to people, especially those in vulnerable or difficult situations.

8. As part of the review Members may also want to consider the work of:
 - The York Urgent Care Board - comprised of expert representatives from across the York healthcare community delivering an integrated urgent care centre for the York area.

Timetable for Review

9. A proposed timeframe for the review and a breakdown of the proposed work to be covered is shown in a draft timetable at Annex B. The Committee are asked to bear in mind when identifying any additional future meeting dates required to complete the work on this review that CMSC have asked that all Night Time Economy Reviews be completed by the end of February 2014.

Implications

10. The implications associated with the recommendations arising from this review will be identified and included in the Draft Final Report once work on this review has been completed.

Council Plan 2011-15

10. This review relates to the following key element of the Council Plan 2011-2015: 'to protect vulnerable people'.

Risk Management

12. The risks associated with the recommendations arising from the Review will be identified once the Review has been concluded.

Recommendations

13. Having considered the information provided within this report the Committee are recommended to agree:
 - i. the revised wording of the remit as shown at paragraph 6;
 - ii. a number of objectives for the review, as suggested in paragraph 6 of this report
 - iv. a timeframe and approach for completing the work on the review as suggested in Annex B to this report;
 - v. a number of additional meeting dates, as required to progress the work on the review.

Reason: To ensure compliance with scrutiny procedures, protocols and workplans.

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Wards Affected:

All



Background Papers: None

Annexes:

Annex A - Briefing report on York's Night Time Scrutiny Review

Annex B - How to progress