

**Report of Rachel McCormack, Team Manager, Environmental Health**

**Report to: Licensing Committee**

**Date: 8<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

**Subject: Shisha Update**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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**Summary of main issues**

1. This report is provided an update to Licensing Committee, as requested, following 3 previous reports relating to shisha and the ongoing work. The last report was 'Shisha – Partnership Working' and was presented at October 2014's Committee.

**Recommendations**

2. The Committee is asked to note the contents of the report, make comments, ask questions, and provide suggestions. The Committee is also asked to consider the frequency of any further update reports.

## Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the on-going work to tackle shisha smoking in the city. It follows on from previous reports provided to Committee on a 6 monthly basis.

## 2 Background information

- 2.1 The previous reports to Committee, in October 2013, April and October 2014 have provided information on smoke free legislation, it's application to shisha bars, and the staged approach to enforcement of the legislation.
- 2.2 The reports also advised of the partnership approach which is taken to tackle shisha and general tobacco smoking across the City. The various partner agencies include Public Health, the NHS, Trading Standards and the Niche Tobacco Group.

## 3 Main issues

### 3.1 Environmental Health : Recap and Update on Enforcement – Rachel McCormack

- 3.2 Since April 2014 10 premises have had enforcement visits carried out. These visits were conducted with the support of West Yorkshire Police.

- 3.3 The table below shows the prosecutions for allowing smoking in a smoke free place, to date in this financial year (2014/15). Some of these prosecutions relate to enforcement visits carried out in the previous financial year.

Business	Date	Fine	Costs	Victim Surcharge
Arabyia	July '14	£1000	£1192.5	£100
Al Qasa	July '14	£1500	£1144	£100
Phantom Lounge	Sept '14	£150	£150	£20
Cabin 164	Dec '14	-	£368.63	£15
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Cabin 164	Dec '14	£400	£368.63	£40
Rendezvous	Jan '15	-	£300	£15
Aftez	Jan '15	£165	£50	£20

\*Rendezvous – previously prosecuted in May 2013.

### 3.4 Future Actions

- 3.5 Recent visits have indicated that a number of businesses have changed hands since initial advisory visits took place in September / October 2013. Therefore a review of the businesses believed to be allowing smoking in doors will be

conducted, and advisory re-visits will take place. This will ensure the staged enforcement approach continues. These will then be followed up by enforcement visits with the Police.

### **3.6 Niche Tobacco Project Update – Information Provided by Jo Loft**

- 3.7 The Niche Tobacco Project has been running since December 2012 with the aim of raising awareness of the health risks associated with niche tobacco use with community members, frontline workers and professionals.
- 3.8 During the first year of the project the main role of the project officers was to run education and community engagement sessions across three targeted areas of the city. Alongside these sessions resources were developed for use by frontline services to aid them with their awareness raising activities. To date the project has reached over 3500 people through a variety of awareness raising and training activities.
- 3.9 Continued funding of the project was confirmed with a new focus being set for 2014/15. Year two funding was concentrated on making the work sustainable with the main focus being the development of a toolkit for awareness raising to be used once the project workers were no longer in post. The timescales for the development of the toolkit were for completion by October 2014 with the remaining project worker time being used to promote the toolkit and train frontline workers and volunteers on its use.
- 3.10 The Niche Tobacco Toolkit was completed on schedule and is now available across the city. There are 5 copies available to borrow from the Public Health Resource Centre and key agencies across the city have access to their own copy. Work is also being carried out to make the toolkit available electronically through the Public Health Resource Centre website.
- 3.11 One key area where concerns were raised was regarding the schools across the city and their continued promotion of this topic once the project officers were no longer in post. This area has been investigated and work is being done to make the toolkit accessible to teachers online through the Healthy Schools website. The niche tobacco project worker has also attended the Healthy Schools Twilight sessions to promote the toolkit and its use.
- 3.12 A full evaluation of the project is currently being produced and will be available at the end of April 2015.

## **4 Conclusions**

- 4.1 Shisha smoking continues to be a real risk to public health and Environmental Health are continuing make visits to shisha premises to secure compliance with smoke free legislation.
- 4.2 10 number of premises have had compliance visits carried out at them in the 2014/15 financial year.
- 4.3 9 people were prosecuted for allowing smoking in a smoke free place in the same period.

## **5 Recommendations**

- 5.1 The Committee is asked to note the contents of the report, make comments, ask questions, and provide suggestions. The Committee is also asked to consider the frequency of any further update reports.