

Report of Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support

Report to Scrutiny Board (Citizens and Communities)

Date: 10th October 2016

Subject: Safeguarding and the night time economy

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 At its meeting on 27th June 2016, the Citizens and Communities Scrutiny Board expressed an interest in undertaking further Scrutiny into the role of the Council and its partners in addressing safeguarding issues linked to the city's night time economy.
- 1.2 In acknowledging the potential for this matter to involve a number of service areas across directorates, the Chair agreed to firstly consider those service areas that fall within the responsibility of the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities). In doing so, this will allow the Scrutiny Board to determine whether any further Scrutiny involvement is required in relation to those areas that fall within its own remit before considering what next steps to take. These service areas include Taxi and Private Hire Licensing and Entertainment Licensing.
- 1.3 The Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities) has provided the following reports in relation to these service areas:
- Appendix A sets out the taxi and private hire licensing safeguarding policies and improvements that have been implemented in the preceding two years and how the service contributes to public safety generally in the night time economy. Much of the content of this report is to also feature as part of the 12 month review of progress report to Executive Board in December 2016.
 - Appendix B sets out the contribution entertainment licensing and partner agencies make to the night time economy in Leeds.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. Members are requested to consider the appended reports in relation to the role and impact of Taxi and Private Hire Licensing and Entertainment Licensing on safeguarding and the night time economy and determine what, if any, further Scrutiny it would like to undertake on this matter.

3. Background documents¹

- 3.1 None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.