



**Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development**

**Report to Scrutiny Board (Resources and Council Services)**

**Date: 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

**Subject: Draft Inquiry Report - Night Time Levy**

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| Are specific electoral Wards affected?<br>If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):                                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?                                                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Is the decision eligible for Call-In?                                                                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?<br>If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number:<br>Appendix number: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

**Summary of main issues**

1. Executive Board on 4 September 2013 considered a report relating to the design of a potential late night levy on premises licensed to sell alcohol late at night. Executive Board made the following resolution;

*“That the submitted report be withdrawn from the agenda in order to enable further work to be undertaken on it and also to request that the relevant Scrutiny Board consider the issues within it, prior to the matter being further considered by Executive Board.”*

2. Scrutiny Board (Resources and Council Services) agreed therefore to establish a working group to look at this issue. The following Members agreed to contribute; Councillors P Grahame, S Bentley, C Macniven, J Hardy and R Wood.

3. The working group met on two occasions

24<sup>th</sup> October - To receive a presentation on the scheme, to understand the regulations and to gain an understanding on its flexibility and the scope for local discretion

4th November - To discuss options with the Chair of Licensing Committee, Councillor R Charlwood and representatives from West Yorkshire Police

4. The working group has concluded its review and has drafted its draft report, which was not available at the time of agenda despatch but will be circulated prior to the meeting. In line with Scrutiny Board Procedure rules, the full Board is asked to consider and approve this report prior to submitting it to Executive Board

### **Recommendations**

5. Members are asked to approve the draft report produced by the Night Time Levy working group.

### **Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

None used

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<sup>1</sup> 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.