



Agenda item:

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**Report of the of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance)**

**To: Licensing Committee**

**Date: 4 August 2009**

**Subject: Police Presentation on City Centre Crime and Licensing Issues**

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**Electoral wards affected:**

All

**Specific implications for:**

Ethnic minorities

Women

Disabled people

Narrowing the gap

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**Executive Summary**

1. This report introduces a presentation by West Yorkshire Police to inform Members of current policing policy and regarding licensing related crime and management of the night time economy within the Leeds City Centre.

## **1.0 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Members that West Yorkshire Police will be attending the Licensing Committee Hearing on 4 August 2009 to provide a presentation to Members on the police perspective on licensing related crime and disorder issues within the city centre.

## **2.0 Background information**

- 2.1 The Licensing Committee Terms of Reference include the power to receive reports from, and to make recommendations and representations to other committees or bodies as appropriate.
- 2.2 Under the Licensing Act 2003 the police are a responsible authority with the power to make representations about individual licence applications.
- 2.3 The statutory guidance issues under the provisions of Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 provides at paragraph 1.21 "The Licensing Authority should work with all partners to deliver the licensing objectives, includes responsible authorities, the licensed trade, local people and businesses, town centre managers, crime and reduction partnerships, performers and local transport authorities and operators."
- 2.4 The Statement of Licensing Policy 2007-2010 provides that the Council will monitor the effect of the policy through regular meetings with the responsible authorities.

## **3.0 Main issues**

- 3.1 West Yorkshire Police will be in attendance at the Licensing Committee meeting on 4 August 2009 to make a presentation on city centre related issues.
- 3.2 After discussion between the police and council officers, it is anticipated that this presentation will be the first in a regular series by West Yorkshire Police to update Members on policing policy and licensing issues generally.

## **4.0 Implications for council policy and governance**

- 4.1 Receiving information from the police in this manner is in line with terms of reference, the recommendations of the statutory guidance and the Council's own licensing policy.

## **5.0 Legal and resource implications**

- 5.1 There are no legal or resource implications arising from this report.

## **6.0 Conclusions**

- 6.1 That Members should receive the presentation from West Yorkshire Police.

## **7.0 Recommendations**

- 7.1 That Members note the contents of the presentation.

