



Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance)

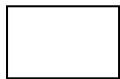
LICENSING COMMITTEE

Date: 15TH March 2011

Subject: ITEM REFERRED FROM SCRUTINY BOARD (HEALTH) – THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COST OF ALCOHOL IN LEEDS 2008/09

Electoral Wards Affected:

All



Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1. Purpose Of This Report

- 1.1 The attached report commissioned by NHS Leeds estimates the wider economic and social costs of alcohol related harm in Leeds and was presented to Scrutiny Board (Health) in January 2011 for discussion.
- 1.2 The report is brought to the Licensing Committee at the request of LCC Scrutiny Board (Health) for information.
- 1.3 The report, associated Leeds Alcohol Harm Reduction Plan 2011-15 and Needs Assessment are due to be formally launched at an event at Leeds Museum on 21st March 2011 to be hosted by the Chair of Scrutiny Board (Health) and the Chief Executive.
- 1.4 The Committee will receive a short presentation on the findings of the report, relevant to the work of the Licensing Committee, with a further opportunity for discussion at the meeting

2. Main Issues

- 2.1 Entertainment Licensing has been identified as one of the stakeholders of the Leeds Alcohol Harm Reduction Plan and attends meetings of the Alcohol Board chaired by Dr Ian Cameron.
- 2.2 The draft Alcohol Harm Reduction Plan, presently in draft form, identifies five priority outcomes which are:
 1. Leeds will demonstrate strategic leadership and prioritise action at local, regional and national levels to prevent and tackle the harms caused by misuse of alcohol

2. Consumption of alcohol across all ages reduced to within nationally recognised safe limits
3. Fewer people experience alcohol-related violent crime and disorder
4. Fewer people experience alcohol-related ill health
- 5a. Fewer children and young people's lives are adversely affected by their parents drinking including neglect, physical and emotional abuse;
- 5b. Fewer under 18 year olds develop drinking habits which impact on their health, personal safety and offending behaviour.

2.3 In the present draft plan Entertainment Licensing has been identified as the owner of the following actions:

- Monitor progress of the Police Reform & Social Responsibility Bill and engage responsible authorities in the development of new Statement of Licensing Policy
- Increase the engagement of licensed premises in the PubWatch scheme across the City
- Address problems associated with licensed premises via the Licensing Enforcement Group

2.4 In terms of Licensing, members will be aware that there are proposals within the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill to reform the Licensing Act. One of the proposed changes is to make local health bodies responsible authorities which is expected to come into effect from April 2012, upon which the existing Statement of Licensing Policy will have to once again be reviewed to take account of this and other relevant changes.

The Bill also contained a proposal for the minimum pricing of alcohol but this is subject to further debate.

3. Implications For Council Policy And Governance

3.1 Members are asked to note the contents of the report as useful background information for the Licensing decision making process.

4. Legal And Resource Implications

4.1 There are no legal or resource implications

5. Recommendations

5.1 The Licensing Committee is requested to note the contents of the report

Background Papers

- Leeds Alcohol harm Reduction Plan 2011-15
- Police Reform & Social Responsibility Bill