

REPORT TO: Safer Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 17 September 2013

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Communities

PORTFOLIO: Community Safety

SUBJECT: Draft Night Time Economy Scrutiny Review Report and Recommendations

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To present the Board with the draft Scrutiny Review of the Night Time Economy Report and recommendations.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That: the Board note and comment on the draft Night Time Economy scrutiny review report and recommendations.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 This report (attached as Appendix 1) was commissioned by the Safer Policy and Performance Board. A scrutiny review working group was established with seven Members from the Board, Operational Director, Community Safety Manager, Commissioning Manager and Principal Policy Officer.

The report was commissioned because the night time economy brings many positive benefits to the borough, from job creation, spending in our local economy and provision of a diverse range of activities for local people, including restaurants, arts centre, ice rink, cinemas, etc. However, to continue the development of our thriving night time economy, it is important that it is accessible, safe, clean, well-managed and offers a range of activities to suit residents across a wide age range and attract visitors to the borough.

The scrutiny review was conducted through a number of means between November 2012 and August 2013, as follows:

- Monthly meetings of the scrutiny review topic group;
- Presentations by various key members of staff from the Council and partners (detail of the presentations can be found in *Annex 2*);

- Provision of information; and
- Visit to the CCTV Control Room.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Existing policies are endorsed by the report.

5.0 **OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The recommendations highlighted within the Action Plan will require resources to undertake, mainly from operational teams.

6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

N/A

6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

N/A

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

Elements of the Night Time Economy Scrutiny Review impact on this priority, for example, underage alcohol sales and alcohol reduction plan. Implementing a six-month report on test purchasing, along with the continued monitoring of underage sales will ensure our good performance is maintained.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

The scrutiny review report and recommendations support the Council's strategic priority of a Safer Halton. Taking on board the recommendations from the report will be positive steps to improving all aspects of the Night Time Economy for the residents of Halton.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

N/A

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 The report and recommendations support the Council's strategic priority of a Safer Halton. Taking on board the recommendations from the report will be positive steps to improving the Night Time Economy for the residents of Halton.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 The implementation of the recommendations will help to improve the Night Time Economy for all residents within Halton.

9.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

9.1 None under the meaning of the Act.