

REPORT TO: Safer Policy and Performance Board
DATE: 14 January 2014
REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Communities
PORTFOLIO: Community Safety
SUBJECT: Night Time Economy Scrutiny Review Update
WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To update Members of the Board on the progress of the Night Time Economy Scrutiny Review.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That:

- (1) the verbal report be received and noted; and**
- (2) a further update report be presented to the next meeting of the Board.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 The Night Time Economy Scrutiny Review report was considered by the Executive Board at its 21 November 2013 meeting. The Executive Board had resolved the following:-

- 1) Executive Board support, in principle, the findings of the report and thank the Topic Group for their work;
- 2) further work be undertaken to identify the cost of implementing the proposals set out in the report; and
- 3) a further report be presented to Executive Board
 - a) Setting out the financial implications should the recommendations in the Topic Group Report be implemented; and
 - b) Giving consideration to how the proposals relate to the Council's available budget and spending priorities.

3.2 Officers are currently investigating the financial implications of the recommendations and a verbal report on the progress will be

provided at the meeting.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Existing policies are endorsed by the original 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.