

18 February 2010

Alcohol Related Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group – Terms of Reference

Ward(s) All

Portfolios: Councillor G. Perry – Communities and Partnerships

Report:

At its meeting on 8 June 2009 the Community Services Scrutiny and Performance Panel agreed to establish a working group to consider alcohol related anti-social behaviour following a recommendation made by the former Neighbourhoods Scrutiny and Performance Panel during 2008/09.

The commencement of the working group was postponed whilst the Panel reviewed Bryntysilio Outdoor Education Centre and was reconvened following its conclusion.

The working group held a meeting on 5 February 2010 to draft its terms of reference. Members have agreed that the focus of their investigation will be problem public houses in the borough. To assist in their investigations the working group would like to appoint a representative of West Midlands Police Authority into their Membership, and subject to the confirmation of the Panel, Councillor Eddie Hughes has been approached to complete this role.

The working group have noted that it is unlikely that they will have completed their investigations and final report before the last scheduled meeting of the Panel. To this end the working group are requesting that a special Panel meeting is called towards the end of April 2010 to allow them to present their report and recommendations before the end of the municipal year.

A copy of the draft terms of reference is attached at Appendix 1 to this report for consideration by the Panel.

Recommendations:

That:

- 1. subject to any comments Members may wish to make, the terms of reference for the Alcohol Related Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group be approved;**
- 2. Councillor Eddie Hughes be appointed to the Alcohol Related Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group;**
- and;**
- 3. a Lead Member for the Alcohol Related Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group be appointed.**

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Work Group Name:	Alcohol Related Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group
Panel:	Community Services Scrutiny and Performance Panel
Municipal Year:	2009/10
Lead Member:	Councillor Ian Robertson
Lead Officer:	Lorraine Boothman – Senior Principal Trading Standards Officer
Support Officer:	Craig Goodall – Acting Principal Scrutiny Officer
Membership:	Councillor Ian Robertson Councillor Carl Creaney Councillor Melvin Pitt Councillor Ian Shires TBC – West Midlands Police Authority Member

1.	Context
	In 2008/09 the former Neighbourhoods Scrutiny and Performance Panel held a lengthy working group investigation into anti-social behaviour in Walsall. This working group made a recommendation for issues concerning alcohol related anti-social behaviour to be considered as a future item as the working group did not have the opportunity to consider the issue themselves. This recommendation was picked up by the newly formed Community Services Scrutiny and Performance Panel during 2009/10.
2.	Objectives
	To contribute to the development of local policy to help tackle alcohol related anti-social behaviour problems that occur on and around licensed premises in the borough.
3.	Scope
	The working group will focus on the policies of the Council and its partners from a community safety perspective. Issues and matters concerning licensing decisions will generally be excluded from the working groups remit.
6.	Equalities Implications
	The working group will ensure that its investigations and recommendations consider the six strands of equality.
4.	Who else will you want to take part?
	West Midlands Police West Midlands Police Authority

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	Licensing and Trading Standards Pubwatch Walsall Partnership Residents	NHS/PCT Licencees Safer Walsall Partnership – including Anti-Social Behaviour Team Local Licensing Partnerships									
5.	Timescales & Reporting Schedule										
	The working group consider it unlikely that they will complete their investigations before the last scheduled Panel meeting on 30 March 2010. Therefore the working group would like to recommend that a special meeting of the Panel is scheduled towards the end of April 2010 to allow the working group enough time to investigate and make recommendations on this important issue.										
6.	Risk factors										
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Date Agreed:		Date Updated:	
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Timetable:

DATE	ACTIVITY	WHO INVOLVED
Late Feb/Early March 2010	Briefing on the extent of problem pubs in Walsall and available measures and limitations in tackling existing problems.	Licensing and Trading Standards West Midlands Police Safer Walsall Partnership
Early March 2010	Meeting with Pubwatch Representatives to establish views of publicans	Pubwatch
Mid-March 2010	Follow up meeting to pick up on issues arising from previous two meetings	

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End March 2010	Draw conclusions and recommendations for final report drafting	Working group members
Early/Mid-April 2010	Review and finalise draft report	Working group members
End April 2010	Present report to Community Services Scrutiny and Performance Panel	