

LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

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LICENSING ACT 2003

UPDATE ON CUMULATIVE IMPACT

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Summary

The purpose of this report is to update the Licensing and Safety Committee on the work to be carried out in respect of collation and analysis of data from all relevant authorities with an aim to consultation on a cumulative impact policy.

1. Budget and Policy Framework

- 1.1 The Council's statement of licensing policy in respect of its functions under the Licensing Act 2003.

2. Background

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Licensing and Safety Committee on the first meeting that has taken place in accordance with the decision set out at minute 913 (c) of the Licensing and Safety Committee dated 7 March 2013. The Committee asked the Licensing and Land Charges Manager to arrange an all Member training session with key stakeholders/responsible authorities on the issue of cumulative impact policies to enable Members to be fully informed of the requirements to pursue any such policies in Medway.
- 2.2 A meeting took place on 8 July with representatives from public health, environmental protection, police, licensing and relevant members in attendance. Public health have agreed, that following the appointment of an additional analyst, to be responsible for the receipt, collation and analysis of all relevant data from the police, environmental protection, licensing and members. Work will be carried out with other local authorities that have already put in place cumulative impact policies to learn from their experience. It was agreed that this would take place over the coming year, following which a decision will be taken on whether or not this authority has sufficient evidence to consult and put in place a cumulative impact policy.

3. Risk Management

- 3.1 It is important that the Licensing & Safety Committee is kept fully informed of issues in respect of licensing matters.

4. Financial and legal implications

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications currently arising from this report
- 4.2 The Council has produced its Statement of Licensing Policy as required by the Licensing Act 2003. In line with legislation should any amendments be required, we will consult on required changes should this document need to be amended in respect of cumulative impact

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 That the committee notes the information contained within this report and asks any relevant questions of the officers present.

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Background papers

None