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## NIGHT TIME ECONOMY WORKING GROUP

### 1.0 Matter for consideration

- 1.1 To consider the formation of a Night Time Economy Working Group in line with the decision of the Committee following the Early Morning Restriction Order (EMRO) hearing on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

### 2.0 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 To agree to the creation of a Night Time Economy Working Group with a membership as outlined at paragraph 3.3.
- 2.2 That the Group be requested to report back to this Committee with proposals for improving the Night Time Economy within 4 months of this meeting.

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### 3.0 Information

- 3.1 The Committee at its meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2014, considered a proposal to introduce An Early Morning Restriction Order (EMRO). Such an order is designed to address recurring problems such as high levels of crime and disorder and anti-social behaviour which is alcohol-related and where the behaviour is not directly attributable to specific premises. The Committee received evidence from a range of representations including the police, health, interested parties and representatives of the licensed trade.
- 3.2 Whilst the Committee did not consider it necessary to introduce such an order, it expressed concern regarding the levels of crime and disorder and anti-social behaviour within the designated area. As part of the decision the Committee recommended that the Council supports the formation of a multi agency Night Time Economy Working Group including but not limited to the representatives of the Lancashire Constabulary, the Licensing Committee, the relevant Cabinet Members, the Heath Sector, Pubwatch, Trade Organisations and more general Tourist Organisations and asks the Licensing Committee to meet at the earliest opportunity to formalise its membership.
- 3.3 It is therefore proposed that the membership of this group be confirmed as follows:
- Three members of the Licensing Committee- (2 Labour 1 Conservative)
  - The relevant Cabinet Member for the Licensing/ crime and disorder functions (Cllr Campbell) (from 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014)

- 4 trade representatives nominated by Pubwatch and 1 representative from a major Town Centre Leisure Operator.
  - 2 Health representatives one from the Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (Blackpool Victoria Hospital) and one from the Council's Public Health department.
  - 2 Police representatives (one operational officer working in the Blackpool area with first hand knowledge of the issues and one more senior officer with a more strategic role)
  - 1 Licensing Authority representative
  - 1 local resident (an Area Forum or PACT representative)
  - 1 representative from Stay Blackpool on behalf of local hoteliers/ accommodation sector.
  - 1 local business representative not connected to the licensed trade (The Chairman or a representative from the Blackpool Business Leaders Group)
- 3.4 The Group would also be expected to invite a range of witnesses/ interested parties to input in to its recommendations.
- 3.5 It is proposed that the Group would consider in depth the issues affecting the Night Time Economy. It could then make a range of recommendations some formally as recommendations to partners such as the Lancashire Constabulary and different bodies in the Health sector or as amendments to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and others such as voluntary arrangements to be implemented by licence holders and overseen by Pubwatch. This Committee did previously recommend a 3 month life for the Working Group to complete its work. However, due to the recess period a 4 month period is suggested.

#### **4.0 Financial considerations**

- 4.1 There are no financial implications in setting up the Group. However, there may be financial implications attached to any recommendations which may be made.

#### **5.0 Legal considerations**

- 5.1 None

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**Appendices attached:** None

**Background papers:**

None

**Websites and e-mail links for further information:**

None

**Glossary:**

None