

Gloucester City Council

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| Meeting: | Cabinet | Date: | 13 June 2018 |
| Subject: | Recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Task and Finish Group on sales of High Strength Alcohol | | |
| Report Of: | Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods | | |
| Wards Affected: | All | | |
| Key Decision: | No | Budget/Policy Framework: | No |
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| Appendices: | 1. Report of the Task and Finish Group | | |
| | 2. Cabinet Response to Recommendations | | |

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To consider the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group on the sale of high strength alcohol products in Gloucester and to provide a formal Cabinet response to Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Cabinet is asked to **RESOLVE** that the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Task and Finish Group, as set out in Appendix 2 to this report, be addressed and matters that can be actioned without the need of a further report be implemented at the earliest opportunity and that those recommendations requiring more detailed consideration be the subject of a further report to Cabinet as necessary.

3.0 Background and Key Issues

- 3.1 Appendix 1 sets out the findings of the Overview and Scrutiny Task and Finish Group on high strength alcohol sales in Gloucester. The recommendations are summarised in Appendix 2.
- 3.2 The Task and Finish Group's report was endorsed by Overview and Scrutiny Committee for submission to Cabinet at a meeting held on 30 April 2018.

3.3 Cabinet is required to provide a formal response to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee indicating whether the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group are accepted and when they will be implemented.

4.0 Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) Considerations

4.1 The recommendation of a Voluntary Code of Practice would be led by licence holders themselves rather than imposition by the City Council. As such, community assets are at the core of this recommendation.

5.0 Alternative Options Considered

5.1 Not applicable.

6.0 Reasons for Recommendations

6.1 Cabinet is asked to accept and implement the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Task and Finish Group as set out in Section 6 of Appendix 1 and summarised in Appendix 2.

7.0 Future Work and Conclusions

7.1 Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be monitoring implementation of any recommendations agreed by Cabinet in approximately 6 months' time.

8.0 Financial Implications

8.1 There are no direct financial implications arising aside from potential officer time in implementing some of the recommendations. There may be future implications for licensing income but that would be impossible to quantify at this stage.

(Financial Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report).

9.0 Legal Implications

9.1 As detailed in the body of the report, each case is dealt with on a case by case basis on its own merits. The review process can be found in section 52 of the Licensing Act 2003 and this is supplemented by Chapter 10 of the s182 Guidance.

(One Legal have been consulted in the preparation of this report).

10.0 Risk & Opportunity Management Implications

10.1 None

11.0 People Impact Assessment (PIA):

- 11.1 A PIA screening stage was completed. As none of the recommendation will engage any protected characteristics, a full PIA was not required.

12.0 Other Corporate Implications

Community Safety

- 12.1 The recommendations come within the remit of the Community Safety Partnership and the report can be shared with NightSafe for information and consideration. The recommendations that have been proposed as well as schemes initiated in other areas fall within the Safer and Attractive Streets policy which makes reference to street drinking

Sustainability

- 12.2 There are no sustainability implications arising directly from this report.

Staffing & Trade Union

- 12.3 Some recommendations will require officer time to implement but this, as with Finance, is difficult to quantify until measures are considered alongside partners.