

LICENSING COMMITTEE
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A COMMUNITY ALCOHOL PARTNERSHIP FOR OLLERTON

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To feedback to Members on the establishment of a Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) in Ollerton and to seek representation on the Project Group.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Community Alcohol Partnerships is a Community Interest Company whose aim is to prevent underage and business, and provision of appropriate drinking and the resulting harm to communities. A combination of enforcement, education, engagement of the community and businesses, and provision of appropriate diversionary activity for young people is the hallmark of the CAP model.
- 2.2 Community Alcohol Partnerships bring together local retailers & licensees, trading standards, police, health services, education providers and other local stakeholders to tackle the problem of underage drinking and associated anti-social behaviour
- 2.3 The CAP model is unique in that it recognises that retailers and licensees are part of the solution and has been shown to be more effective than traditional enforcement methods alone. Each CAP scheme operates in a clearly delineated and usually compact local community and draws on local partners to develop and implement delivery at grassroots level
- 2.4 The core activity of Community Alcohol Partnerships includes:

Education

Each CAP includes some educational aspects. These might include partnering with local schools to deliver age appropriate alcohol education, teacher training support and parental advice and guidance.

Enforcement

CAPs focus on both the supply and the demand side of underage drinking and treat retailers & licensees as part of the solution and not part of the problem. The enforcement activity is informed by all stakeholders, who share information and co-ordinate their response.

Business Engagement

CAP champions the use of Challenge 25 and PASS and also supports independent retailers/licensees with training including on conflict resolution, identifying fake ID and how to make a challenge. A CAP scheme will ensure that all messages and literature are co-ordinated across the CAP area, targeting specific groups where appropriate.

3.0 The Ollerton Community Alcohol Partnership

- 3.1 For a CAP to be successful there has to be commitment from local agencies that are striving to make a difference with young people. Ollerton has had periodic issues with underage drinking and when a planning meeting was held in the Town there was immediate commitment to try and establish a CAP in the area.
- 3.2 The process for setting up a CAP is generally involve bringing together a number of agencies alcohol working to reduce alcohol related harm to young people and associated anti-social behaviour as well as involving local alcohol retailers. A small project group has been led by the district council to engage the local agencies and gain their commitment to a CAP. This has gone well and the next steps to formally establish a CAP are underway.
- 3.3 The local group has representations from the police, the district council (officer level), local youth services, local education academy representatives and the County Council.

4.0 Proposals

- 4.1 There are clear links between the work of the CAP and that of the Licensing Committee. Therefore it feels appropriate that the Licensing Committee should be represented on the Ollerton CAPs projects group.
- 4.2 As the group is locally focused it may be beneficial to have a representative who is knowledgeable about the Ollerton Area.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

Members are asked to note the progress in establishing local CAP and are asked to nominate a representative to sit on the Ollerton CAP Project Group.

Background Papers

Nil.

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