

LICENSING COMMITTEE

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A COMMUNITY ALCOHOL PARTNERSHIP FOR OLLERTON, BOUGHTON, EDWINSTOWE

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To Update Members on work of The Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) in Ollerton, Boughton and Edwinstowe and its expansion into Clipstone and to seek and to seek representation from the Licensing Committee 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 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

2.3 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 and 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, Boughton and Edwinstowe (OBE)

3.1 Members will recall that last year the first CAP for Newark & Sherwood was established and this covers the above area. Since its inception ten CAP has been successful in carrying out numerous activities involving the licensing trade, the local schools and youth service, local retailers and officers from the Council.

- 3.2 The Scheme is supported by the large supermarkets and an example of the joint work taking place is the hosting and delivery of 'Challenge 25' training by ASDA and Tesco to the smaller retailers in the area. This is a consequence of some enforcement activity undertaken by the licensing team when test purchasers were made at a number of small retailers to check their challenge 25 procedures. Half of the retailers failed to check the age of a young person attempting to buy alcohol.
- 3.3 Many organisations have come together to provide diversionary activities to the young people of the CAPS area this has been well received by the local communities.
- 3.4 The latest OBE CAPs action plan is attached as **Appendix 1** for information.
- 3.5 The success of the OBE Cap has been noted locally and there is a growing wish within the local area to extend the CAP into Clipstone. Preliminary discussions have revealed that this may make the current CAP too unwieldy and therefore there is an option to create a new CAP in Clipstone. The advantage of this approach is the access to additional funding that a second CAP would be able to access.
- 3.5 There have been discussions between the Police and licensing staff about the potential to have a CAP operating within the Newark town centre area. As of yet no individual has been identified to lead the CAP but work is ongoing with a number of partners to see how this may be achieved.

4.0 Proposals

- 4.1 The success of the OBE CAP has been recognised locally and this has prompted the community of Clipstone to ask if they are able to join the OBE CAP. This has been discussed at the project Group and there is broad agreement that this would be useful and beneficial.
- 4.2 Therefore it is proposed that the OBE Cap is expanded to include Clipstone.
- 4.3 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. Previously this representation was provided by Councillor Ben Wells.
- 4.4 As the group is locally focused it may be beneficial to have a representative who is knowledgeable about the Ollerton, Boughton, Edwinstowe and Clipstone Area.
- 4.5 The potential to have a CAP for areas of Newark exists. Evidence of underage drinking would help identify the potential area and it is proposed that Members consider this in principle giving their support if the required framework and project lead can be found.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS that Members are asked to:

- (a) support the formation of an addition CAP to operate in the Clipstone area; and to,
- (b) nominate a representative to sit on the Ollerton, Boughton and Edwinstowe CAP and the Clipstone CAP Project Groups: and

(c) support the principle of a CAP for an area of Newark.

Background Papers

Nil

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