



LICENSING COMMITTEE

14.10 to 15:10

5 December 2014

Present: Councillors Button (chair), Gayton (vice chair) Barker, Bogelein, Henderson, Maxwell, Price, Stammers and Woollard.

Apologies: Councillors Ackroyd, Brockiek-Coulton, Gihawi and Jones

In attendance: Inspector Brown, Norfolk Constabulary

1. Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were received.

2. Cumulative impact special policy

The licensing manager presented the report. He emphasised that they were considering the evidence on the impact of an area and not of individual premises within such an area. The boundaries detailed in Norfolk Constabulary's proposal for a CISP (appendix A) could be amended before being formally adopted, if members considered it was appropriate based upon the responses to the consultation. If an area for a CISP was to be set and agreed upon, any new premises or variations of an existing premises licence within this area would have to meet a higher evidential test to be granted.

Inspector Brown presented appendix A to the committee and answered member's questions. He said that the area proposed in the appendix constituted 2% of the geographical area of Norwich city but 35% of violent crime took place there. The area shown was a public order patrol zone with boundaries evidenced by incidents of anti-social behaviour and crime and disorder.

Some members questioned whether the riverside area needed to be included in the CISP. The licensing manager said that the guidance from the Home Office stated that if a risk of cumulative impact was imminent, an area could be included in a CISP. A large nightclub within the riverside area, although closed for business currently, still held a premise licence and could re-open.

In response to a member's question, the Licensing manager said that anyone applying for a licence for a new premises would have to demonstrate that there would be no impact on the licensing objectives whether it be for a bar, restaurant or any other licensed premises.

Inspector Brown said that there were eighty seven licenced premises within this area which could trade until 6am and this was set to increase by a further eleven premises. A CISP would allow Norfolk Constabulary to raise concerns about specific premises with factual evidence. This would also be an opportunity to consider the types of new premises opening in this area to avoid saturation of the same kinds of premises. CIPs had been widely adopted throughout the UK in cities such as Ipswich, Cambridge and Chelmsford. These had been a useful tool in managing growth and there had been an improvement in crime figures in such areas. He said that there were no plans to reduce the commitment to public order policing within the night-time economy area if a CIP was put in place.

RESOLVED, unanimously, to:

- (1) Support the inclusion of a *special cumulative impact policy* within the council's statement of licensing policy, subject to consultation; and
- (2) Ask officers to undertake a statutory consultation procedure and present the responses to a future meeting of the licensing committee for consideration.

CHAIR