

**BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL
Overview & Scrutiny Management Board
20th March 2014**

Report of: Di Robinson, Service Director Neighbourhoods

Title: Update Report of the Scrutiny Steering Group
Re: Developing a Vision for our Night Time Economy

Ward: Citywide

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RECOMMENDATION

To note this brief progress update from the Scrutiny Steering Group.

Summary

As commissioned by OSMB, the Steering Group held an Inquiry Day on 4th December 2013 to draw together thinking around a potential vision for the Night Time Economy of the City. A great deal of information has been generated and captured, but needs more work before presenting as findings. The Steering Group have asked for the key priorities to be taken by officers into a strategic discussion and then reported back to the Steering Group as a set of options for consideration by May/June 14.

The significant issues in the report are:

- Key priorities identified through the Inquiry Day
- List of stakeholders attending the day (Appendix A)
- Next steps

Policy

There is no single relevant policy relating to this area of work, however any work on the Night time economy will need to reference the Licensing Policy Review.

Consultation

1. Internal

N/A

2. External

See Appendix 1

Context

As commissioned by OSMB, the Steering Group hosted an event on 4th December 2013 to begin to explore a vision for the Night time Economy of the City. A great deal of information was generated through the session, which was attended by a wide range of internal and external stakeholders. From this early information, the Steering Group has identified a group of shared themes/priorities which have emerged. These are:

- * Considering how the city centre could be “zoned” to create different spaces for different users, enhancing safety and inclusion
- * Transport – both in and out of the centre and between specific areas of the centre (moving forward from the Arena/Enterprise zone into the centre.
- * Strengthened links between planning and licensing to ensure we have a coherent approach to developing the right offers in the centre
- * Navigability of the city – how easy is it to find your way around and to locate the different NTE offers?
- * Role of events
- * Infrastructure
- * Role of and connection with the Night Time BID and how the funding from this could be used to employ NTE Manager/Co-ordinator
- * Safety & inclusion – how do we ensure all Bristol’s citizens are welcome and can enjoy the NTE offers in the centre

It was agreed that internal coherence would be required, tactical groups (i.e. Purple Flag) and current work (i.e. licensing policy review) should be brought together and a strategic lead could be identified via SLT. The strategy would need to be linked the corporate plan.

Proposal

That officers take the high level priorities which were identified on the day into strategic discussions to understand how these fit with existing or planned corporate activity; where there is a need for ensuring alignment with existing internal or partner activity and who will provide the senior officer leadership.

Next Steps:

A set of proposed next steps will be taken to the Scrutiny Sub Group meeting in May 14 for discussion and to develop recommendations.

Other Options Considered

N/A

Risk Assessment

N/A – for information only

Public Sector Equality Duties

8a) Before making a decision, section 149 Equality Act 2010 requires that each decision-maker considers the need to promote equality for persons with the following “protected characteristics”: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. Each decision-maker must, therefore, have due regard to the need to:

- i) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Equality Act 2010.
- ii) Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to --
 - remove or minimise disadvantage suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic;
 - take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of people who do not share it (in relation to disabled people, this includes, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities);
 - encourage persons who share a protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.
- iii) Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to –
 - tackle prejudice; and
 - promote understanding.

8b) A key driver for this work will be about how to ensure the offer in the

City is inclusive of all citizens. As the work progresses there will be specific focussed work with protected characteristic groups and each element of the strategy as developed will be subject to consultation and EQIA work.

Legal and Resource Implications

Legal

NA – update briefing note only

Financial

(a) Revenue

N/A Update briefing note only

(b) Capital

N/A Update briefing note only

Land

N/A Update briefing note only

Personnel

N/A Update briefing note only

Appendices:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Background Papers:

none

List of Participants

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