

Wiltshire Police and Crime Panel

19 November 2014

Task Group update

Purpose

1. To provide an update on recent task group activity and propose any decisions requiring Panel approval.

Licensing Task Group

2. On 6 March 2014 the Police and Crime Panel discussed which topic would be most appropriate for consideration by its next dedicated task group. Licensing was agreed as the next topic and the Licensing Task Group was established.

Membership

3. Cllr Richard Britton (chairman)
Cllr Chris Caswill
Mr Chris Henwood
Cllr Linda Packard

Terms of Reference

- 1 To investigate how Wiltshire Police, working with partners as appropriate,
 - ensures that only responsible applicants are licensed by local authority licensing committees;
 - encourages and supports the responsible management of licensed premises;
 - identifies licensed premises that are being managed irresponsibly;
 - takes a “firm approach” with licensed premises identified as being managed irresponsibly.
- 2 If it is identified that these measures could be improved, to make recommendations regarding how this can be achieved to support the objective in the Police and Crime Plan 2013-17 of reducing the harm caused by irresponsible licensed premises.

Recent activity

4. On 30 September the task group met with members of Wiltshire Council’s licensing team to discuss the licensing process and the information sharing and joint working that takes place between Police’s and the Council’s respective licensing teams. Attempts have been made to arrange an equivalent meeting

with licensing officers from Swindon Borough Council but unfortunately this had not been possible within the timescale.

5. On 23 October the task group met with the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Executive of the OPCC. This provided an opportunity to discuss the task group's emerging key themes and discuss in more detail the written responses already provided by the Commissioner to the task group's questions.
6. On 12 November the task group will meet to discuss their draft final report. Despite best efforts, it has not been possible to bring the task group's final report to this meeting of the Police and Crime Panel. However, it will be completed and circulated as soon as possible and a response requested from the Commissioner.

Proposal

7. **The Police and Crime Panel are asked to note the update provided.**

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