

Subject: Deputation – Protect our Community from Alcohol Misuse & Anti-Social Behaviour

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Report of: Executive Lead for Strategy Governance & Law

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Wards Affected: All

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1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 To receive a Deputation presented to the Full Council on 20 October 2016 and referred to the committee for consideration.
- 1.2 Normally, when a deputation is presented at Council and referred to a Committee, the deputation do not have automatic speaking rights. At the Chair's meeting, the Chair agreed that the Deputee, Sir Ron de Witt be invited to address the Committee and to amplify on the points raised at Full Council for up to five minutes.
- 1.3 Following discussion of this issue at the recent Chair's Cross Party Briefing Meeting, the Chair, Deputy Chair, Opposition Spokesperson and Group Spokesperson were in agreement that whilst the Deputation referred specifically to the Brunswick and Adelaide Ward neighbourhoods across the city had were struggling with this issue to varying degrees and felt vulnerable. It was considered that whilst the Licensing Regime dealt with issues arising within their remit, issues had arisen in consequence of what people perceive as weakened neighbourhood policing, due to a reduced Police presence and reduction in the number of PCSO's. This was not a criticism of the Police as Members had full confidence in the leadership of the Police in the city and were aware that these issues related to resourcing. As a result of their discussions the Members present considered that it would be appropriate to recommend that the Committee forward a formal resolution to the Police and Crime Commissioner via the Police and Crime Panel highlighting the need for a Police presence in neighbourhoods and that this needed to be borne in mind as when considering neighbourhood policing provision.
- 1.4 It was noted that the Police were invited to attend Neighbourhoods, Communities and Equalities and that their representative had been given advance notice of this item and would have the opportunity to respond in respect of those issues which related to Community Policing.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Committee receives and the contents of the Deputation and response provided (attached as an appendix to this report).
- 2.2 That the Committee formerly resolves that a copy of this report, appendix and an extract from the minutes of this meeting be forwarded to the Police and Crime Commissioner via the Police and Crime Panel in order to highlight the importance and necessity for neighbourhood policing in particular the presence of PCSO's and the increasing pressure it's absence places on neighbourhoods when this is absent and the need for this to be addressed fully when considering on-going arrangements for community policing.