

LICENSING COMMITTEE (LICENSING ACT 2003 FUNCTIONS)

Agenda Item 17

Brighton & Hove City Council

EXTRACT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON 17 JUNE 2009

Subject: *Reducing Alcohol Related Harm to Children and Young People*

Date of Meeting: **26 November 2009**
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Wards Affected: All

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BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

5.00PM 17 JUNE 2009

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Older (Chairman); McCaffery (Deputy Chairman), Allen, Duncan, Smart, Wakefield-Jarrett and Barnett

Statutory Co-optees: with voting rights:: Nigel Sarjudeen (Diocese of Chichester) and David Sanders (Diocese of Arundel & Brighton)

Non-Statutory Co-optees: Dr. Carrie Britton (Children's Health) (Non-Voting Co-Optee), Mark Price (Youth Services) (Non-Voting Co-Optee), Rachel Travers (Community Voluntary Sector Forum) (Non-Voting Co-Optee), Sarah Khaddar (Youth Council) (Non-Voting Co-Optee) and Azdean Boulaich (Youth Council) (Non-Voting Co-Optee)

Apologies: Councillor Lynda Hyde and Councillor Pat Drake

PART ONE

8. AD-HOC PANEL DRAFT REPORT: REDUCING ALCOHOL RELATED HARM TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

- 8.1 This item was taken after Agenda Item 5c.
- 8.2 Councillor Ann Norman, Chairman of the Children and Alcohol Ad-hoc Panel presented the report and answered questions with the other two Panel Members Councillors Ben Duncan and Juliet McCaffrey.
- 8.3 Councillor Ann Norman congratulated Overview and Scrutiny Officers on the report and thanked Sussex Police, partners within the NHS, alcohol retailers, school head teacher, and the Council's Licensing, Trading Standards, Public Health, Children's Alcohol Services and School Services for their assistance in under taking the study.
- 8.4 The Youth Council were also thanked for their input and a Youth Council representative, Kenya Simpson-Martin for meeting up separately and providing valuable evidence which was used in the report.
- 8.5 Azdean Boulaich (Youth Council representative) questioned whether the council did have more powers and whether a reduction in the number of outlets that young people could buy cheap alcohol from, wouldn't that might create a black market type environment which could be more dangerous for young people. The Panel Members responded that there was no evidence to back this and that parents have a responsibility to prevent their children getting alcohol from other means.
- 8.6 Sarah Khaddar (Youth Council representative), asked what types of alternative activities the Panel had in mind and whether there was funding available. The Panel Members responded that it could be somewhere that young people could go to arrange other activities for example like team sports, youth clubs and that this recommendations needed to be supported within the Youth Alcohol Strategy.

A further question was asked by Sarah, as to whether private funding would be accepted and Panel Members agreed that this could be potentially a good idea.

A further comment from Sarah was that the dangers of making alcohol harder to obtain, may just make it more attractive for young people.

- 8.7 It was commented that Youth Outreach Workers were already engaging with young people in parks and this was a valuable service that the Children's Trust provided.
- 8.8 Sarah commented that there was lack of education in schools on the health issues relating to drinking alcohol at a young age as necessary.
- 8.9 **RESOLVED-** The Committee endorsed the report Reducing Alcohol related harm to Children and Young People report and agreed to refer the report to the Council's Executive, Licensing Committee, partner organisations and the Children and Young People's Trust (CYPT) Board as necessary.