COUNCIL	Agenda Item 80
29 April 2010	Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	**Reducing Alcohol Related Harm for Children and Young people : Overview & Scrutiny Report**	
Date of Meeting:	**29 April 2010**	
Report of:	**The Director of Strategy & Governance**	
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Wards Affected:	All	

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 The Council's Constitution (Part 6, Paragraph 15.4) requires reports from Overview & Scrutiny Ad Hoc Panels and Select Committees, together with the Executive response to these reports, to be reported to full Council for information.

1.2 The Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee (CYPOSC) set up a Reducing Alcohol Related Harm to Children and Young People Panel at the 24 September 2008 meeting, after considering the 2008 Annual Report of the Brighton & Hove Director of Public Health: "Brighten Up! Growing Up in Brighton & Hove 2008".

1.3 CYPOSC endorsed the report on the 17 June, 2009 and the Overview and Scrutiny Commission endorsed the report on the 14 July 2009.

The report was heard at the Children and Young People's Trust (CYPT) on the 7 September 2009.

The report was heard at Licensing Committee on the 26 November, 2008 and was deferred to the next Licensing Committee date of the 4 March, 2010, where it was endorsed.

1.4 The CYPOSC ad hoc panel report is included as **Appendix 1** to this report. The CYPT response to the ad-hoc panel recommendations is included as **Appendix 2**. The minutes of the CYPT Board meeting are included as **Appendix 3.** The Licensing Committee response to the ad-hoc panel recommendations is included as **Appendix 4A** and **4B**. The draft minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting are included as **Appendix 5.**

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.1 That members note the CYPOSC ad hoc panel report on Reducing Alcohol Related Harm for Children and Young people and the responses to this report.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 Councillor Ann Norman chaired the Panel, which also consisted of Councillors Juliet McCaffery and Ben Duncan.

3.2 The Panel's terms of reference were to;

"Examine the costs of, social and economic outcomes of, and reasons for the higher than average, and worsening, levels of alcohol related harm suffered by children and young people in Brighton and Hove.

Such a Panel will specifically, but not exclusively, examine the impact of the Licensing Act 2003 on the availability to and consumption of alcohol by those aged under 18 in the city and, seeking evidence from, amongst others, Sussex police, premises license holders, the council's own public safety officers and our partners in the NHS, will determine what steps the council could take to reduce levels of alcohol-related harm to children in the city.

Further, the Panel will examine reasons why the problems of alcohol-related harm appear to be worst in the east of the city."

3.3 The Panel held five evidence gathering meetings in public, talking to a number of witnesses including representatives of the NHS trusts, the Police, alcohol retailers, Trading Standards and Licensing, local schools, local authority drugs and alcohol services and the Youth Council.

3.4 Further details can be found in the main body of the report, see **Appendix 1.**

3.5 The report makes 11 recommendations, 6 of the recommendations are to Licensing and Trading Standards, the remaining recommendations are to the Children and Young People's Trust and the Police.

4. CONSULTATION

4.1 No formal consultation has been undertaken in relation to this report.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

5.1 No specific implications for this report, as this report is purely for the Council to note. See the implications on the attached CYPT Board and Licensing Committee reports.

Legal Implications:

5.2 As indicated in paragraphs 1.1 and 2.1 above, and in accordance with the council's procedure rules on overview and scrutiny, this report is purely for Council to note. There are no further legal implications arising directly from the report.

Equalities Implications:

5.3 No specific implications for this report, as this report is purely for the Council to note. See the implications on the attached CYPT Board and Licensing Committee reports.

Sustainability Implications

5.4 No specific implications for this report, as this report is purely for the Council to note. See the implications on the attached CYPT Board and Licensing Committee reports.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

5.5 No specific implications for this report, as this report is purely for the Council to note. See the implications on the attached CYPT Board and Licensing Committee reports.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 No specific implications for this report, as this report is purely for the Council to note. See the implications on the attached CYPT Board and Licensing Committee reports.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.7 No specific implications for this report, as this report is purely for the Council to note. See the implications on the attached CYPT Board and Licensing Committee reports.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Report of the CYPOSC ad hoc panel on Reducing Alcohol Related Harm to Children and Young People.

2. CYPT response to the report of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee Report: Reducing Alcohol Related Harm to Children and Young People

3. Extract from the Proceedings of the CYPT Board meeting held on the 7 September, 2009.

4A. Cover report from Licensing - Reducing Alcohol Related Harm to Children and Young People – CYPOSC referral

4B General Licensing Response re: Considering Issues Raised by Recommendations within Statement of Licensing Policy Review during 2010.

5. Draft Extract from the Proceedings of the Licensing Committee (Licensing Act 2003 Functions) meeting held on the 4 March, 2010.

Documents in Members' Rooms:
None

Background Documents:
None