# LICENSING COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 6

Licensing Act 2003

**Brighton & Hove City Council** 

Subject: Update on funding for beach patrol, taxi marshals

and Safe Space

Date of Meeting: 30 June 2016

Report of: Acting Director of Public Health

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Ward(s) affected: All

#### FOR GENERAL RELEASE

#### 1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1. This report sets out to provide an update relating to funding for beach patrol, taxi marshals and Safe Space.

### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1. That the committee notes the contents of this report.
- 2.2. That officers should continue to work with the licensed trade in Brighton & Hove regarding alternative funding options for safeguarding projects within the night time economy.

#### 3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 At licensing committee in March 2016, officers were requested to explore other alternative options including voluntary schemes for the reduction of crime and disorder in the late night economy and incorporate them into the final report.
- 3.2 Following on from that meeting, officers contacted trade representatives who suggested that the trade have a trade only meeting to get some direction from trade colleagues. They then intended to meet with BCRP/BID officers and other interested parties.
- 3.3 At the Licensing Strategy Group meeting on 25 April trade representatives explained that there were three projects the licensed trade could help with Taxi Marshalls, Safe Space and a Beach Patrol.

  Funding for Taxi Marshalls requires further discussion with the licensed trade to

find a way of funding this which is right and fair. Multiple operators would need to be involved with the funding of both Taxi Marshalls and Safe Space.

The majority of the lower promenade premises have already agreed to help with the Beach Patrol and a meeting is being arranged to present to the remaining premises. It is likely that progress will be able to be made with this project fairly quickly.

- 3.4 It was agreed it would be a good idea to get some press coverage regarding these initiatives. Officers will ask the Council press office if it will be possible for to help with a press release.
- 3.5 With regard to timescales for the projects, the trade representative hoped the Beach Patrol would be up and running shortly. He could not put a timescale on Taxi Marshalls and Safe Space but was hoping for sooner rather than later. Safe Space funding was due to end in September, but funding has been agreed until the end of March 2017.
- 3.6 Officers will continue to liaise with trade representatives and will report progress back to licensing committee.

#### 4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION

4.1. Trade representatives, Licensing Strategy Group, finance and legal services.

#### 5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

5.1 This report is for noting and as such there are no direct financial implications. Funding for beach patrol, taxi marshals and Safe Space is provided by partner organisations.

Finance Officer Consulted: Michael Bentley Date: 26/05/16

Legal Implications:

5.2 There are no direct legal implications arising from the report.

Lawyer Consulted: Rebecca Sidell Date:26 /05/16

**Equalities Implications:** 

5.3 There are no direct equalities implications.

Sustainability Implications:

5.4 There are no direct sustainability implications.

**Crime & Disorder Implications:** 

5.5 Contained in the body of the report.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 No implications

Public Health Implications:

5.7 Contained within report.

# Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.8 The local licensing delivers support improvement that help businesses comply with the law speedily, easily and economically.
- 6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

None – for information only.

## 7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

For information only.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

Appendices: None.

## **Documents in Members' Rooms**

1. None.

## **Background Documents**

1. None.