

REPORT TO	ON
LICENSING COMMITTEE	19 SEPTEMBER 2017

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UPDATE – OUT OF HOURS ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY	PETER HAYWOOD

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

This report is to update members on the outcomes of a recent out of hours enforcement exercise undertaken by Licensing staff.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Committee is requested to note the outcomes of the enforcement exercise as set out in Appendix 1.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

The report relates to the following corporate priorities:

Clean, green and safe	X	Strong and healthy communities	
Strong South Ribble in the heart of prosperous Lancashire		Efficient, effective and exceptional council	

4. OUT OF HOURS ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

4.1 In recent times, staff constraints within the Licensing Section have made it difficult for out of hours enforcement to take place. However, Licensing staff are now in a position to undertake proactive enforcement of Licensing legislation with regard to the night time economy. Accordingly, Licensing Officers Chris Ward and Steph Fairbrother undertook an enforcement exercise from 9pm – 1am on Friday 11 August into Saturday 12 August 2017.

4.2 The purpose of the visits was to:

- check that licensed premises were complying with their licence conditions, including specified precautions to minimise noise nuisance
- ensure that take-aways which did not have a late night refreshment licence were not trading past the statutory cut-off time of 11pm; and
- to ensure that there was no evidence of conduct which may cause concern in relation to Child Sexual Exploitation (eg unsupervised young people in the vicinity of licensed premises who may be at risk of “grooming”).

4.3 A log of enforcement activity undertaken during the evening is attached as Appendix 1. The log has been anonymised to protect the businesses concerned. However, the log shows that, of the 9 visits undertaken, 4 were satisfactory / resulted in no further action and 5 did reveal an issue to be addressed. The satisfactory visits are depicted in green and the unsatisfactory

shown as red. It is worth noting that one area of noise nuisance was unknown to officers prior to the exercise (and was only discovered by virtue of the enforcement activity undertaken) but has now been addressed via formal correspondence.

4.4 Members are requested to note the activity undertaken as set out in the log.

5. WIDER IMPLICATIONS AND BACKGROUND DOCUMENTATION

7.1 Comments of the Statutory Finance Officer

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

7.2 Comments of the Monitoring Officer

It is important to exercise enforcement activity regularly, so as to identify and address any issues of non-compliance with legislation/conditions.

Other implications:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Risk	Inspections help to minimise the risk of nuisance and other issues (including Child Sexual Exploitation) caused by non-compliance with Licensing legislation.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Equality	None
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HR	None

8. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS (or there are no background papers to this report)

Appendix 1 – log of Licensing enforcement activity from 11.8.17