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Report of: Service Director – Public Protection

Licensing Committee		12 May 2011	B2	A.II.
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SUBJECT: Borough wide Designated Public Premises Order- Consultation Timetable

1. Synopsis

1.1 This report outlines the council's timetable for consulting on the proposal to introduce a borough wide Designated Public Premises Order (DPPO).

2. Recommendations

2.1 To note the report.

3. Background

- 3.1 DPPOs are an additional tool to help the police deal with alcohol related anti-social behaviour as they give them the power to confiscate alcohol or require a person to stop drinking in public if they are causing a nuisance. The powers do not prohibit drinking in public places and can only be used where it is associated with negative behaviour. If it is adopted, it is intended that there will be an agreed protocol between the police and the Council as to how it will be used.
- 3.2 There are currently five DPPOs in the borough of varying sizes including Kinloch Park, Elthorne Park & Sunnyside Gardens, the area around Arsenal football ground on match days, Clerkenwell & Kings Cross and Grimaldi Park. These have largely been successful but there have been issues of displacement to new locations. To overcome this together with the time delay and associated costs that are incurred each time a new area is declared, a whole borough DPPO is being suggested.

- 3.3 In October and November 2010 the council sought the views of residents and businesses on the idea of a borough wide DPPO as part of it consultation on the Licensing Policy 2011-2014.
- 3.4 67% respondents were in favour of a borough wide DPPO. A summary of the responses is contained in appendix 1.

3.5 Consultation timetable W/C 4 April 2011

Consultation launch

- Notice in local newspaper
- Residents notification via residents e-bulletin
- Information on website
- On line consultation feedback
- Copies of proposal to
 - Members via members bulletin
 - Police- Islington, Camden, Haringey, Hackney and City
 - o Neighbouring boroughs
 - Licensing Act 2003 Licence holders

8 May 2011

Consultation closes Analyse results & prepare reports

7 June 2011 Report to Joint Board

28 June2011 Report to Audit Committee

If Order is made w/c 4/7/11 Details of order published Signage ordered

1 August 2011

Earliest DPPO commencement date

4. Implications

4.1 Financial implications:

The cost of consulting on and designating the DPPO will be met from the existing budgets. Enforcement costs will fall to the Metropolitan Police.

4.2 Legal Implications:

The Local Authorities (Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places) Regulations 2007 sets out the procedures that local authorities must follow when introducing DPPOs to restrict antisocial drinking in public places. These procedures have been followed.

The Regulations state that a DPPO cannot be made until at least 28 days after the publication of a notice in a local newspaper. The consultation timetable satisfies this statutory requirement.

4.3 Environmental Implications

Nil

4 Equality Impact Assessment:

The EIA will be completed at the end of the consultation period and attached to the reports on the outcome of the consultation.

5. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

5.1 The consultation timetable summarises the steps that need to be taken before the council can consider making the DPPO. The making of a DPPO will support the aims of the Council's Licensing Policy and give an additional means of dealing with alcohol-related anti-social behaviour and nuisance.

Appendix 1

Licensing Policy Consultation – Response to questions on DPPOs

Background papers: (available online or on request)

The Local Authorities (Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places) Regulations 2007- Guidance Note

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