



City of Westminster

Licensing Committee Report

Meeting:	<i>Licensing Committee</i>
Date:	<i>Wednesday 5th July 2017</i>
Classification:	<i>For General Release</i>
Title:	<i>Evening and Night Time Economy Licensing Charter paper</i>
Wards Affected:	<i>All</i>
Financial Summary:	<i>N/A</i>
Report of:	<i>Director of Policy, Performance and Communications</i>

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out the process for developing the council's vision and plan for the Evening and Night Time Economy.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Licensing Committee note the contents of this report.

3. Background

- 3.1 Following discussion at the March 2017 Licensing Committee, work has continued to develop the council's vision and plan for the evening and night time economy.
- 3.2 An officer Task and Finish Group has been established to deliver this commitment including officers from across a range of departments with an interest in the evening and Night Time Economy.
- 3.3 The Task and Finish Group will be responsible for developing the detailed thinking, strategy and policy proposals. It will deliver this through a process of engagement involving councillors, residents, businesses and other stakeholders.

- 3.4 The proposed process is as follows
- July 2017 – open sessions for Councillors to discuss ideas and thinking with lead members Cllrs Cox and Harvey.
 - August 2017 – Soft engagement with external partners to test early ideas etc.
 - September/October 2017 – reformed Westminster Entertainment Forum meeting to formally discuss the emerging thinking and bring together an early draft of vision.
 - Autumn 2017 – Joint Policy and Scrutiny Committee to discuss the issue, including a focus on Night Tube impacts. Shared task group between the Business, Planning and Transport Committee and the Adults, Health and Public Protection Committee.
 - A Full Council discussion could form part of this process as previously proposed by the Licensing Committee. This may be valuable at the early stages of the process to inform thinking, or towards the end to scrutinise and approve the proposals that are forthcoming. It is suggested that, if Full Council does have a role to play, it would be more constructive to hold this towards the start of the process to ensure meaningful input to the process.
 - December 2017 – proposals brought to lead Members (across a range of Cabinet Member portfolios) for informal discussion before proceeding to formal approval and publication early in 2017.
- 3.5 This process can be overlaid with a piece of dedicated engagement with residents and other local interests via Open Forum to ensure we are taking an account of a wide set of views. Consideration is currently being given to how this can be delivered.
- 3.6 The West End Partnership (WEP) will also be given the opportunity to shape and provide long-term ownership for the vision. This will be important to ensure the vision is deliverable in a partnership setting and fits with the wider vision and plan for the future of the West End.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications as a result of this report.

6. Staffing Implications

- 6.1 There are no staffing implications as a result of this report.

If you have any queries about this report or wish to inspect one of the background papers please contact **Richard Cressey, Principal Policy Officer** or email **rcressey@westminster.gov.uk**.

Appendices

None

Background Papers

None.