

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO LICENSING COMMITTEE

DECISION

meeting date: TUESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2018
title: EXPIRY OF WHALLEY CUMULATIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENT – REVIEW
OF RESPONSES TO RECENT SURVEY
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To inform Committee of the results of the Cumulative Impact Assessment Survey.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Community Objectives - }
- Corporate Priorities - } The Council aims to be a well-managed Council
and these proposals support that objective.
- Other Considerations - }

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Committee will recall that a report was submitted in June 2021 requesting that Committee review and consider implementation for a further period of the Cumulative Impact Policy in Whalley. Committee resolved to authorise the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to make enquiries of the responsible authorities to assess whether there is sufficient evidence to support a Cumulative Impact Policy for Whalley and the area to which the policy would relate; consult informally with licensees in Whalley, the Parish Council and community groups and to report back with recommendations based on responses received.

2.2 As a result the Council set up a cumulative impact survey both online and in paper format. A link to the survey was published on the Council's website and publicised through press releases, social media and by letters sent to the Parish Council, all licensed premises, ward Councillors and Whalley Chamber of trade on 20 September 2021. The survey closed on 10 October 2021. The survey related to the area of Whalley and Painter Wood to reflect the ward boundaries. A map showing this area outlined in blue accompanied the survey as did a list of all premises within that area and a map showing their location. Copies of these documents are enclosed as Appendix 1.

3 ISSUES

3.1 The Council received 65 responses. The results of those responses have been collated into a report which is enclosed as Appendix 2. Committee should note the contents and in particular the responses to questions 5-8 and decide whether this evidences sufficient concern about crime and disorder, public safety, public nuisance, or protection of children from harm in the Whalley and Painter Wood area to progress to the next stage of the process.

- 3.2 Should Committee decide that it should be progressed then further evidence must be collated to allow the Council to assess whether there is a sound evidential basis to any decision to publish a cumulative impact assessment. This may include:
- Local crime and disorder statistics including statistics on specific types of crime and crime hotspots.
 - Statistics on local anti-social behaviour offences
 - Health related statistics such as alcohol related emergency attendances and hospital admissions.
 - Environmental health complaints, particularly in relation to litter and noise.
 - Complaints recorded by the Local Authority, which may include complaint raised by the local residents or resident's associations.
- 3.3 The Council would then consider this evidence alongside its own evidence of the impact of licensable activities within its area and consider in particular the times at which licensable activities are carried on. Information which may inform consideration of these issues includes:
- Trends in licence applications, particularly trends in applications by types of premises and terminal hours.
 - Changes in terminal hours of premises.
 - Premises' capacities at different times of night and the expected concentrations of drinkers who will be expected to be leaving premises at different times.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:

- Resources – no implications identified
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – the Council is required to review any Cumulative Impact Assessment at least every three years
- Political – no implications identified
- Reputation – no implications identified
- Equality and Diversity – no implications identified

5 **RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

5.1 Authorise the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to seek and collate the evidence necessary to create an evidence base and to consult formally upon the proposed continuation of the cumulative impact assessment for Whalley and Painter Wood as required by the Licensing Act 2003.

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