

## **Brief for Scrutiny Cleaner, Greener and Safer.**

<p><b>Topic to be scrutinised</b></p> <p>Alcohol issues in Newcastle under Lyme</p>
<p><b>Questions to be addressed</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What is the community involvement in the processes undertaken?</li><li>2. What publicity if any is carried out following action taken against an Off Licence where underage sales have taken place or where counterfeit alcohol has been seized?</li><li>3. Is there any opportunity for such publicity or would this affect any future prosecutions?</li><li>4. In what way do Trading Standards work with off-licences – what are the processes involved?</li><li>5. How is drinking in streets tackled and what is being done to alleviate it?</li><li>6. What is / can be done to stop the distribution of contaminated alcohol?</li><li>7. What powers do Trading Standards / Police have in the closure of premises or removal of a Premise Licence.</li><li>8. What part could the council play in all of the above?</li><li>9. How can individual Councillors become involved and feed information back to concerned residents.</li><li>10. How can / should the Health Scrutiny Committee become involved.</li></ol>
<p><b>Outcome</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. To make the streets of Newcastle a safer place for everyone.</li><li>2. To protect residents against the consumption of contaminated alcohol.</li><li>3. To identify the role that this Council will play in tackling the issues.</li></ol>
<p><b>Background materials</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.</li><li>2.</li></ol>
<p><b>Evidence and witnesses</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Local businesses</li><li>2. Partner organisations providing business support.</li><li>3. Local residents</li><li>4. Officers from the Community Safety team.</li><li>5. Trading Standards</li></ol>

<p>6. Staffordshire Police 7. Health service representative</p>
<p><b>Method of scrutiny</b></p> <p>1. Task and Finish Group – membership consisting of the Chair of Cleaner Greener and Safer Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee and other relevant members including representative from the Health Scrutiny Committee, officers and partner organisations.</p>
<p><b>Timetable</b></p> <p>Start date: To be decided</p>
<p><b>Constraints</b></p> <p>Officer and member availability / capacity during April-May</p>
<p><b>Members to undertake the scrutiny</b></p> <p>Cllr J Williams Plus others to be agreed</p>
<p><b>Support</b></p> <p>Relevant Executive Directors Relevant Heads of Service Alcohol Harm Reduction Officer Democratic Services Team</p>
<p><b>Newcastle Borough Council Corporate Plan Priority area (s)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Creating a cleaner, safer and sustainable Borough</li> </ul>
<p><b>CfPS Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Provides ‘critical friend’ challenge to executive policy makers and decision makers</li> <li>● Enables the voice and concerns of the public to be heard</li> <li>● Is carried out by independent governors who lead and own the scrutiny role</li> <li>● Drives improvement in public services</li> </ul>
<p><b>Brief approved by Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee</b></p> <p>Signed: Date:</p>