

Subject:
Strategic Report – Joint Enforcement
Protocol

Status:
FOR PUBLICATION

Report to: Cabinet

Date: 07/06/2006

Report of: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Portfolio

Holder: Leader of the Council

Key Decision:

Yes

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency "X" In
Relevant Box

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek approval of the Joint Enforcement Protocol.

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

2.1 The matters discussed in this report are linked to and support the following corporate priorities:

- Embedding our customer promises through making clear the nature of enforcement activity that will be undertaken
- Delivering the District Vision, particularly in relation to the creation of a safe Borough where fear of crime is low

3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

3.1 All the issues raised and the recommendation in this report involve risk considerations as set out below:

- By not adopting the protocol there is a risk of not conforming to the Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

4.1 It is in the Councils interest to adopt this joint protocol, it will provide clarity on the procedures to be followed by the Licensing Service and by adopting the protocol we seek to continually improve the Licensing Service and provide clarity to our customers.

5. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

6. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

6.1 There are no other legal implications to bring to cabinets attention.

7. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF HUMAN RESOURCES

7.1 There are no human resources implications arising from this report.

8. CONCLUSION

8.1 Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 recommends that local authorities produce a joint enforcement protocol.

9. RECOMMENDATION

9.1 It is recommended that Cabinet approves the Joint Enforcement Protocol a copy of which is attached at Appendix 1

10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

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No background papers