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REPORT TO:	ENVIRONMENT AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE
SUBJECT: GROUP	NIGHT TIME ECONOMY TASK AND FINISH GROUP
PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	COUNCILLOR PAUL SKINNER
REPORT AUTHOR:	HEAD OF REGULATORY SERVICES
EXEMPT REPORT?	NO

SUMMARY

This report sets out how the Committee may wish to progress the resolution it made at its meeting on 24th July 2019 that:

'a Task and Finish Group be established to examine the night time economy of the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) area and of the whole Borough, classing night time until 08.00am'.

Members will be aware that a range of scrutiny methods are available to it to achieve the objectives of the resolution; in determining the scrutiny process to adopt, members will want to give due consideration to the current Work Programme of the Committee and the forward plan of commitments for Members and Officers.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Environment and Performance Committee:

- 1 Undertake preliminary scrutiny of this topic area by way of an initial **Inquiry Day** from where a report is brought back to the Committee that either makes a set of recommendations or defines the scope and terms of reference for any further scrutiny Members wish to see undertaken.
- 2 Agree the range of evidence it wants presenting on the day from which internal service areas and external organisations?

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Holding an Inquiry Day will enable the Committee's resolution to be progressed and enable Members to properly define the scope and terms of reference for further scrutiny.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

None.

1.0 REPORT

- 1.1 At its meeting on 24 July 2019, Members considered a report titled: *Crime and Disorder Annual Review/ASB/PSPO (Alcohol) Statistics 2018/19*. Following a lengthy debate about the report, the Committee resolved that:

'a Task and Finish Group be established to examine the night time economy of the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) area and of the whole Borough, classing night time until 08.00am'.

- 1.2 Having determined that this wide topic area requires the formation of a **Task and Finish Group**, officers would suggest that an initial **Inquiry Day** be set up so that the full scope of the review can be defined and formal terms of reference for any Task and Finish group considered.

In holding an Inquiry Day, Members will be able to clearly prescribe the 'extent' of the 'night time economy' they wish to scrutinise and agree the range of evidence they wish to gather from internal Council services, external organisations and members of the public.

- 1.3 If, at the conclusion of the Inquiry Day, Members feel they have received sufficient information to make recommendations directly to the Committee and onto Cabinet (if appropriate), there is always that option. In progressing an Inquiry Day, Lincolnshire Police have already agreed to provide representation and support whichever internal Council services Members wish to take evidence from on the day.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None as a result of this report, however, Members will want to fully understand the financial impacts of any recommendations arising from an Inquiry Day or Task and Finish Group.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None considered at this stage

ANY OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None

CONSULTATION

No consultation undertaken.

APPENDICES

Appendices are listed below and attached to the back of the report: -

APPENDIX	NONE
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BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers as defined in Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the production of this report.

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THIS REPORT

A report on this item has not been previously considered by a Council