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REPORT TO:	ENVIRONMENT AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE
DATE:	5 NOVEMBER 2019
SUBJECT:	NIGHT TIME ECONOMY INQUIRY EVENING UPDATE
PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	COUNCILLOR PAUL SKINNER
REPORT AUTHOR:	HEAD OF REGULATORY SERVICES
EXEMPT REPORT?	<i>No</i>

SUMMARY

Following the resolution made at its meeting on 24 September 2019, an Inquiry Evening into the 'night time economy' was held for all elected members on 14 October 2019. The evening was chaired by the Head of Regulatory Services with support from Lincolnshire Police and the Council's Community Safety Manager.

The purpose of the Inquiry Evening was to define exactly what topics and issues members want to consider under the proposed 'night-time economy task and finish group'? Following extensive debate, members did however agree that the issues they wanted to consider further were wider than 'typically defined' night-time economy issues.

As a consequence, those members present recommended to E&P that it consider setting up a Task and Finish Group that seeks evidence and information from various Council teams and external organisations about their purpose, process and impact. The areas members wished to review were:

- Alcohol and premises licensing and associated enforcement.
- Trading Standards and HMRC powers, policies, procedures and enforcement options/outcomes for dealing counterfeit and non-duty paid goods.
- Home Office and Police powers, powers, policies and procedures for dealing with those with no recourse to public funds and those not exercising their treaty rights.
- Housing and Homelessness duties, options, powers and support models.
- Boston Borough Council Public Space Protection Orders and other BBC enforcement, and finally,

- A closing session with the MP to air all relevant legal and resource limitations returned from the Task and Finish process that it wishes to be raised directly with the Government.

In considering the recommendation, the Committee may want to be prescriptive about the outputs that it wishes to see from the Group and will need to consider both the member and officer capacity, together with an appropriate timeframe within its workplan, that enables another T&F Group to be appropriately resourced.

Given the current work activity of the Climate Change Working Group and with Christmas/New Year commitments of Officers and Members, if approved, members should be mindful that the T&F Group work is unlikely to be able to commence until January/February 2020

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Environment and Performance Committee establish a Task and Finish Group, as recommended by those members present at the Inquiry Evening.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendations were made by those members attending the Inquiry Evening.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

None.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None considered at this stage

ANY OTHER IMPLICATIONS

With any T&F Group, member and officer capacity, both internally and from other organisations will need to be carefully considered

CONSULTATION

Inquiry Evening held on 14 October 2019.

APPENDICES

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

<i>APPENDIX</i>	<i>NONE</i>
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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