

<b>COMMENCEMENT OF CUMULATIVE IMPACT RESEARCH</b>	
<b>LICENSING COMMITTEE</b>  <b>10 MARCH 2021</b>	<b>CLASSIFICATION:</b>  <b>OPEN</b>  <b>If exempt, the reason will be listed in the main body of this report.</b>
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**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 This report has been prepared to provide the Licensing Committee with information relating to commencement of work to assess cumulative impact in the Borough.

**2. RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2.1 That the Licensing Committee notes the report.

**3. BACKGROUND**

3.1 Under Section 5A of the Licensing Act 2003 the Council as a Licensing Authority must review its Statement of Licensing Policy at least every 5 years. The current Statement of Licensing Policy became effective in August 2018.

3.2 Changes brought about by the Policing and Crime Act 2017 sought to place the matter of *cumulative impact* on a statutory footing. It is now a requirement for an authority to prepare and consult on a cumulative impact assessment as a separate exercise from the consultation on its licensing statement.

- 3.2 The Council currently has two areas which have been identified as suffering from cumulative impact; these are the Shoreditch Special Policy Area (SPA) and the Dalston SPA.
- 3.3 The Licensing Service is to begin research for the period ending 31 March 2021. This is likely to be either the 3 year or 5 years period leading up to this date, depending on the data available.
- 3.4 The Licensing Service will collate various 'quantitative' and 'qualitative' datasets. Quantitative data will include where relevant and available:
- Licensing statistics
  - Crime/disorder data
  - Anti-social behaviour statistics
  - Ambulance call out data
  - Royal London and Homerton A&E admissions
- 3.5 Qualitative data may include information gathered from work undertaken by the Planning Service in the development of the Local Plan (LP33) such as 'Future Shoreditch' also recent consultations such as 'The Dalston Conversation' and the 'London Fields Conversation'. Alcohol strategy work carried out by Public Health may also produce useful data.
- 3.6 The Licensing Service will present the findings and options to the Licensing Committee at a future meeting.

#### **4. COMMENTS OF THE GROUP DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE RESOURCES**

- 4.1 The budget is held within the service to cover staff costs.

#### **5. COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE SERVICES**

- 5.1 A Cumulative Impact Area is a designated zone where evidence has indicated that the number, type or density of licensed premises is impacting adversely on the licensing objectives. The Council's licensing policy sets out details of the Cumulative Impact Areas in Hackney: Shoreditch Special Policy Area (SPA) and the Dalston Special Policy Area (SPA).
- 5.2 Applications for new licences/variations to existing premises licences for premises within the Shoreditch SPA and the Dalston SPA the Cumulative Impact Areas will be subject to different policy considerations and will need to show why the grant of a new premises licence or variation application will not add to the cumulative impact.

- 5.3 Where a Cumulative Impact Policy (CIP) is in place, there is usually a presumption that applications for new premises licences or variations to existing premises licenses (increase in hours, capacity or change of conditions) will be refused.
- 5.4 Under section 5A Licensing Act 2003 a licensing authority may publish a cumulative impact assessment stating that the licensing authority considers that the number of relevant authorisations in respect of premises in one or more parts of its area described in the assessment is such that it is likely that it would be inconsistent with the authority's duty to grant any further relevant authorisations in respect of premises in those areas. A cumulative impact assessment must set out the evidence for the authority's opinion as set out in the assessment. A licensing authority must publish any revision of a cumulative impact assessment.
- 5.5 The Licensing Committee are asked to consider this report for noting.

#### **APPENDICES**

None.

#### **EXEMPT**

Not applicable.

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Not applicable.

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