

**Scrutiny Committee
31 March 2015**

Report of the Night Time Economy Working Group

Why we formed a working group

Following a presentation from the Chief Executive of the Police Commissioners Officer, the Group was established to look into the night time economy of the three main towns, to identify areas of concern.

Who we were

Cllr T G Hughes (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs Jenny Roach
Cllr P F Williams
Cllr M R Lee

What was our objective?

The objective of the Group was to investigate if there was reason for concern regarding the night time economy of the three main towns.

Members spent a Saturday evening with Police Inspector Jane Alford Mole and information was gathered from the Councils Waste Service, Environmental Health Officers, Street Pastors and Licensing Team.

The Community Safety Officer informed the Group that there were areas for concern in the main towns in Devon but that there were few reports of problems with the night time economy within Mid Devon. She further explained that because the reports of late night crime were generally low in numbers any increase, however small, could give a misleading percentage increase.

What did we conclude?

The Group concluded that it was satisfied that measures in place were working well and that over recent years the situation had improved significantly. The Group had every confidence that the Councils Licencing Team, the Police Authority, door staff and Street Pastors were in a position to deal with situations should they arise.

What do we recommend?

1. That the Waste Service liaise with the Licensing Service to ensure that the litter from late night food premises is kept to a minimum. Should a problem arise with a specific premises a letter be sent to remind them of their duty to keep the area clean.

2. That the Licensing Officer liaise with the Devon and Cornwall Police with regard to Temporary Extension Notices, to ensure that they are dealt with in a timely fashion and that all of the appropriate people are aware of them.
3. The Licensing Office to ensure that measures were in place to monitor Temporary Extension Notices when offices were closed.
4. That a letter be sent to Inspector Jane Alford Mole, thanking her for her time on Saturday 28th March and commending the work of herself and her team.