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REPORT TO: Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

16th November 2011

REPORT OF: Councillor Allan Andrews

TITLE: I&DeA Beacon Conference - Night Time Economy

DATE: 22nd - 23rd June 2009

VENUE: National Railway Museum Conference Centre, York

1. Recommendation

The Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee is recommended to endorse the report of Councillor Andrews visit to this conference.

2. Background

In 2009, a number of Local Authorities received Beacon status for their work in improving the night time economy. These were Westminster, Brighton and Hove, Hinckley and Bosworth, Nottingham, LB of Havering.

Part of the aim of the Beacon Award Scheme is to share learning across local authorities / partners and the initial phase of this shared learning focuses around a conference setting. Councillor Andrews attended the conference for day 1 only.

The conference was also attended by Geoff Makin, Environmental Health Manager, who is responsible for the authority's Licensing Team.

3. Cost of attending

Conference fees: Nil - the conference was free

Flights: None

Train Fares: £89

Additional Travel Expenses: Car mileage

Accommodation: £88.40 (one night)

Subsistence: Nil

4. Benefits

The conference enabled those attending to hear some of the case study material submitted by the authorities who had received Beacon Status. The information covered a wide range of issues including the use of Street Pastors (Hinckley and Bosworth), Policing and Community resources to regulate the night time economy (Nottingham), Street Drinking and night time violence (Westminster), the use of Award Schemes (LB Havering), Involving the whole community in developing the night time economy (Brighton and Hove), Developing strong

partnership working (Nottingham City Council & Nottingham Police), The effective use of regulation (Westminster)

There were keynote speeches from John Grogan MP, Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Beer Group; Philip Kolvin QC, Head of Licensing 2-3 Greys Inn Square; Gerry Sutcliffe MP, then Minister with responsibility for alcohol licensing at DCMS; and Graham Russell, Chief Executive of the Better Regulation Office.

The conference also allowed delegates to share experiences through a number of workshops and on the first evening there was a guided tour of York's night time economy by the York Police and Council Licensing Officer, where issues around the control and development of the night time economy were discussed.

The conference allowed Elected Members and Officers to expand their knowledge of good practice and innovation and demonstrated the value of sharing good practice through the Beacon Scheme.

My role on the Licensing and regulatory Committee will be enhanced by the knowledge gained at the conference.

List of background papers:

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Papers open to Public Inspection:

Description of Paper

Beacon Information about the "After Dark" theme

<http://www.localinnovation.idea.gov.uk/idk/core/page.do?pagelId=17452379>

Conference programme available from Geoff Makin, Environmental Health Manager

Location

Web site