

**Report of the Service Director to the  
Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board  
to be held on the 20 December 2023**

**ENFORCEMENT UPDATE**

**1. Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an overview of the work Licensing Officers have undertaken to date.

**2. Background**

Members are minded to note that Licensing Officers have continued to proactively work with the Licensed Trade and other Responsible Authorities to ensure that any issues and concerns within the trade are raised and addressed accordingly. To maintain communications with licensees across the borough officers attend venues to discuss any specific concerns, in addition they also attend monthly Pubwatch meetings in several areas of the borough to provide advice, support licensees, and answer any questions the members of Pubwatch may have to ensure their understanding and compliance with the Licensing Act and the conditions of their licence.

**3. Current Position**

**PUBWATCH**

Following the next town centre Pubwatch meeting Officers from Public Health are providing training to licensees which will cover First Aid, Ask for Angela and Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG). The VAWG training will cover the importance of businesses and employees being aware of the increased risk of violence against women and girls in the night-time economy. This will include statistics around women's perception of safety in the evening and night-time economy, measures implemented by BMBC to try and improve the safety of women and girls and advice and information on how to respond to an individual when they Ask for Angela.

There will also be information provided covering the links between Ask for Angela potentially reducing the incidents of sexual assault. The training will also be attended and supported by Licensing Officers.

## **LICENSING SAVI**

Licensing Security and Vulnerability Initiative (Licensing SAVI) is a self-assessment tool designed to help licensed premises provide a safer and more secure environment for their managers, staff, customers and local communities.

Licensing SAVI ensures licensed premises are aware of and meet the standards required by responsible authorities in England and Wales and it assists to support the four licensing objectives of

- The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
- Public Safety
- The Prevention of Public Nuisance
- The Protection of Children from Harm

It was developed at the request of the Home Office and is backed by the National Police Chiefs' Council and it provides advice and guidance for venues to help raise standards and provide a safe, secure and welcoming environment.

Once accredited with Licensing SAVI venues will receive a star-rated award that will enable them to show the public that they operate a licensed premises that is as safe and secure as possible.

The introduction of Licensing SAVI has been well received in the town centre and we now have 5 venues that have been accredited with the majority having 5 star accreditations.

## **Purple Flag Assessment:**

The assessment for the Purple Flag accreditation was carried out on the opening of Bright Nights in the town centre. The evening went well and started with a tour of the Glassworks followed by several presentations that showcased Barnsley's heritage and achievements from the past to the present day. The assessors asked many questions throughout and were very interested to know more about Barnsley and its people. The evening progressed with a walk around the Purple Flag route and the assessors then also met with the Street Pastors and Nightlife Marshals. Barnsley has held the Purple Flag for four years and we are hopeful that we will be successful in securing the accreditation for a fifth year.

### **4. Proposal**

Licensing Officers will continue to proactively work with the Licensed Trade and other Responsible Authorities to ensure that any issues and concerns within the trade are raised and addressed accordingly and that Licensees receive the advice and support they require to ensure they comply with their legal and conditional licence requirements.

### **5. Background Papers**

Enforcement Officer Reports which contain exempt information are not available for public inspection.

### **6. Officer Contact**

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