

**To the Chair and Members of the  
LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**DONCASTER BEST BAR NONE SCHEME – UPDATE REPORT**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. The purpose of this report is to update Members on the Doncaster Best Bar None scheme.

**EXEMPT REPORT**

2. Not applicable

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

3. Following the 2011 Doncaster Best Bar None awards ceremony on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2011, it is recommended that Members note the update report on the Doncaster Best Bar None scheme. Andrew Constantine, Best Bar None coordinator, will address the Committee.

**BACKGROUND**

4. 2006 saw Doncaster become the first Town in South Yorkshire to adopt the Best Bar None awards scheme. The UK-wide scheme, which is backed by the Home Office and British Institute of Innkeepers, was piloted in Manchester in 2003 and has since been adopted by over one hundred other Towns and Cities. A recent Home Office consultative document identified Doncaster Best Bar None as an excellent example of the scheme.
5. Best Bar None is aimed at promoting responsible management and operation of alcohol-licensed premises with the ultimate intention of offering and maintaining a safer, more welcoming, attractive and lively drinking experience leading to a reduction in alcohol related crime and harm.
6. Best Bar None aims to recognise licensees who demonstrate good management, a safe and enjoyable environment for customers, discourages binge drinking and prevents alcohol-related crime. It encourages licensees to act responsibly and take pride in their premises and surroundings and, in doing so, put something back into the Town and their local community. The rewards for licensees include, reduced rate training, the prestige of being part of the awards scheme, increased business within the area and lower insurance premiums resulting from the fact that they are running safer establishments.

## OPTIONS CONSIDERED

7. N/A

## REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

8. N/A

## IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OBJECTIVES

9. The effective operation of the Licensing Authority is a key part of the Council's statutory responsibility. By keeping abreast of current strategies and initiatives the Licensing Committee will be able to competently discharge its duties and make informed decisions.

<b>Doncaster Priorities</b>	<b>Implications of this initiative</b>
A Prosperous Place	Responsible alcohol retail and consumption is accepted as a part of modern life and can support growth and regeneration.
Skills & Lifelong Learning	BBN facilitates skills and learning
Healthy & Caring	The Scheme contributes to preventing damage to health from alcohol misuse.
Safer, Cleaner & Greener	Tackling alcohol related harm issues in local communities with a strong focus on anti-social behaviour.
Equality of Opportunity (Cross-Cutting)	
Improving Neighbourhoods Together (Cross-cutting)	Contributes to the Doncaster Together Partnership which is committed to the appropriate sharing and pooling of resources to effectively tackle alcohol related harm.
Protecting The Environment (Cross- cutting)	
Achieving Excellence	The Scheme encourages sustainable compliance driven by the respective duty holders.

## RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

10. N/A

## LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

11. There are no legal implications associated with this report.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

12. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

## CONSULTATION

13. N/A

This report has significant implications in terms of the following:

<b>Procurement</b>		Crime & Disorder	X
Human Resources		Human Rights & Equalities	
Buildings, Land and Occupiers		Environment & Sustainability	
ICT		Capital Programme	

## BACKGROUND PAPERS

12. Full details of the Doncaster Best Bar None Award scheme can be found at [www.doncasterbestbarnone.co.uk](http://www.doncasterbestbarnone.co.uk)

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