

Item 15 - Proposal to extend Licensing Partnership

The attached report was considered by the Legal & Democratic Services Advisory Committee on 14 April 2016, relevant Minute extract below

Legal & Democratic Services Advisory Committee - 14 April 2016 (Minute 33)

The Licensing Partnership Manager presented a report setting out the proposal to extend the current Licensing Partnership with the London Borough of Bexley as a fourth and equal partner alongside Maidstone Borough Council, Sevenoaks District Council and Tunbridge Wells Borough Council.

In response to a question, she advised that any further additions to the partnerships would require a staffing restructure and possibly a deputy manager and additional cost. However the Licensing Partnership would then have a structure in place for further partners to be added. The greatest difference with the London Borough of Bexley is that they did not licence taxis.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Cabinet to approve the London Borough of Bexley's Licensing Team functions joining the Licensing Partnership as a fourth and equal partner.