



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Licensing Committee
Subject:	Request to Address Committee - Police Service of Northern Ireland
Date:	20 th June, 2012
Reporting Officer:	Suzanne Wylie, Director of Health and Environmental Services, ext 3260
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1 Relevant Background Information	
1.1	The PSNI has contacted the Council to inform us that it has developed a 'traffic light' categorisation system relating to reported violent crime emanating from licensed premises in the City centre. The system they are using is taken from a model used in Cardiff City Council which won that council a Tilley award in 2009. Cardiff City Council has informed the PSNI that the system has been instrumental in helping them improve the management and safety of the night time economy.
1.2	The PSNI has made the presentation to Pubs of Ulster members and to a partnership group, led by the Belfast Health and Social Services Trust who are looking at reducing violent crime and A&E data sharing.
1.3	The PSNI would like to make the presentation to the Licensing Committee as they believe it is relevant to the decision making process of the Committee and they propose that information from the traffic light matrix could form part of any evidence police would present if objecting to an application for a renewal and/or extension of an Entertainments Licence.
1.4	The presentation will take no more than 10 minutes excluding Members' questions.

2 Key Issues	
2.1	The PSNI are statutory consultees under Entertainments Licensing legislation.
2.2	The issue of anti-social behaviour and crime is a matter that Members can take into account when determining applications for licences.

3 Resource Implications	
3.1	<u>Financial</u> None.
3.2	<u>Human Resources</u> None.

3.3	<u>Asset and Other Implications</u> None.
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4	Equality Implications
4.1	There are no equality or good relations issues.

5	Recommendation
5.1	The Committee is recommended to receive at its August meeting a presentation from the PSNI on its proposed traffic light categorisation system for reported crime.

6	Decision Tracking
If agreed Henry Downey, Democratic Services Officer will contact the PSNI to arrange the presentation.	