

Metropolitan Police Bottle Marking Scheme

Committee	Licensing Committee
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Papers with report	None
Ward(s) affected	Uxbridge North & Hillingdon East

SUMMARY

An interim report to update the Licensing Committee on the Metropolitan Police bottle marking scheme conducted by Sgt Anthony Bennett and the Safer Neighbourhood Teams in the Uxbridge North and Hillingdon East Scheme.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee note the update.

INFORMATION

Between June 2009 and August 2009, 13 premises in Uxbridge North and Hillingdon East Wards took part in the Metropolitan Police's bottle and can marking scheme.

This scheme was funded in full by the Metropolitan Police to the sum of £5,184.

On Wednesday 26th August 2009 8 out of the 13 premises were visited by Sharon Garner to assess from the licensees how effective the scheme was.

Four questions were asked of the licensees, namely:

- Do you think the scheme is a good idea - of which all bar 1 licensee said yes.
- Have any bottles been identified by the Police as coming from your premises – all replied no.
- How long did it take for the bottles/cans to be marked – 2 licensees stated that they marked the bottles/cans as they were sold, 1 licensee employed an extra member of staff at his own expense to mark up all stock, the other licensees stated that it took a long time to mark up their stock.
- Would you be prepared to carry on with the scheme at your own expense – all replied no, it is too expensive.

A press release from the Metropolitan Police Service regarding the scheme and other measures taken to reduce the sale of alcohol to underage persons is being prepared to be released at a date unknown.

Information from the Metropolitan Police indicates that there is no further funding for the scheme to continue.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None