

# Appendix 2

## Memo

**To:** Cllr Heaps  
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### **Scrutiny Review – Alcohol & Young People**

Further to my earlier memo, and your feedback Councillors, please see below the questions that will be passed to SSMR, the company commissioned to undertake the Citizens Panel on behalf of the Council. As previously mentioned, and subject to your direction, I propose to develop another questionnaire in conjunction with Partners to target young people currently engaged with the Youth Development Service and the Youth Parliament to provide the review with a youth perspective. The questions for the Citizens Panel are:

The responses offered vary and where an opinion is sought regarding a question, the response levels are 'Strongly Agree,' 'Agree,' 'Neither agree or disagree,' 'Disagree,' or 'Strongly disagree.'

*Eastbourne Borough Council are currently carrying out a Scrutiny Review in relation to the issue of alcohol misuse and underage drinking amongst youths in the Borough.*

- How strongly do you agree or disagree with the statement "There is a significant problem with underage drinking and alcohol related youth disorder in Eastbourne." (Strongly Agree-----Strongly disagree)
- Where do you feel the issue of underage drinking is most apparent:

LIST ALL WARDS

- Where do you think underage drinking takes place?
  - In the individual's home
  - In the street
  - In the Town's parks and gardens
  - In the Town's pubs and clubs
  - Other (Please specify)
  
- Why do you think young people participate in underage drinking?  
(Strongly Agree -----Strongly disagree responses)
  - Boredom
  - Peer Pressure
  - Irresponsible marketing of alcohol by pubs, clubs and off-licences
  - The low cost of alcohol makes it attractive and accessible to under eighteens
  - Lack of alternative activities for young people
  - Lack of education regarding responsible drinking and the dangers of alcohol
  - Poor parenting
  - Other (Please Specify)
  
- How do you think young people under the age of eighteen obtain alcohol?  
(Strongly agree -----Strongly disagree)
  - Young people under the age of eighteen purchase alcohol using fake identification
  - By persons over the age of eighteen purchasing alcohol on behalf of young people under the age of eighteen
  - Off licences, pubs and clubs do not check or verify the age of customers prior to selling or supplying alcohol.
  - Alcohol is supplied by the young persons parent or guardian
  - Alcohol is stolen by young people from alcohol retail outlets
  - Alcohol is taken without consent of parents or guardians
  - Other (Please specify)
  
- How strongly do you agree or disagree with the statement "The Police deal quickly and effectively with the issue of underage drinking and related alcohol disorder."  
  
(Strongly Agree -----Strongly Disagree)
  
- How strongly do you agree or disagree with the statement "The Council deals quickly and effectively with the issue of underage drinking and related alcohol disorder."  
(Strongly Agree -----Strongly Disagree)

- How strongly do you agree or disagree with the statement "There are adequate services to deal quickly and effectively with the issue of underage drinking and related alcohol disorder."  
(Strongly Agree -----Strongly Disagree)
  
- What steps do you feel should be undertaken to address the issues of underage drinking:  
(Strongly Agree -----Strongly Disagree)
  - Better enforcement of Licensing law by the Police.
  - Better enforcement of Licensing law by the Council.
  - Better diversionary activities and leisure facilities for children young people.
  - Prosecution of persons selling alcohol or purchasing alcohol for under eighteens.
  - Better education of children and young people in relation to safer socialising and responsible drinking.
  - Better education of parents and guardians in dealing with youth related alcohol misuse and related alcohol disorder
  - Other (Please specify)

If I can be of any further assistance, please contact me.

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