

## **REPORT TO CRIME & DISORDER OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL**

Title: **CRITERIA FOR ESTABLISHING PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS (PSPOs) RELATED TO ALCOHOL-RELATED ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

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Wards Affected: **All**

### **1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1** The paper identifies a methodology for assessing whether an area can be considered for and alcohol-related Public Space Protection Order. It proposes that the Crime and Disorder Overview and Scrutiny Panel approves this methodology.

### **2. RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Crime and Disorder Overview and Scrutiny Panel agrees:**

- i) the criteria / process for assessing whether a proposed PSPO relating to alcohol should be considered by the Council's PSPO Panel / full Council; and**
- ii) agrees that similar data in conjunction with advice from relevant agencies should be used for assessing whether to continue with PSPOs at the one year and three year review points.**

### **3. SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

#### **Background**

- 3.1** The 30 July 2015 Cabinet Meeting received a paper regarding replacement of the borough's two Designated Public Place Orders with one Public Space Protection Order. It agreed to this proposal and recommended it should be adopted to the 24<sup>th</sup> September Council Meeting.
- 3.2** The above Cabinet paper also covered the procedures that should be put in place for consideration as to whether areas should be made PSPOs. This too was put forward to Council for approval.
- 3.3** Additionally, the Cabinet paper recognised that DPPOs had been established when data on alcohol related Anti-Social Behaviour incidents was readily available and it was quite straightforward to map areas and assess whether a particular location was regularly experiencing issues. However, there was an acknowledgement that it was potentially no longer possible to easily get geographically based data which could identify a 'hot-spot'. The Community Safety Manager was therefore asked to present criteria to the November 2015 Crime and Disorder Overview and Scrutiny Panel for assessing whether a location could be considered for an alcohol related PSPO.
- 3.4** A methodology and assessment criteria for establishing whether locations are viable PSPO areas have been identified and these are detailed in section below.

- 3.5 Discussions with Thames Valley Police HQ Performance Management Team have established that geographically based data can be provided on alcohol related ASB and a specific data format has been agreed. A year's worth of ASB data has been provided and it has been agreed that such data can be requested on an ad hoc basis as long as the TVP HQ team are given sufficient notice. This is good news for the borough and thanks go to the Performance Team for their assistance.
- 3.6 It is proposed that any consideration about such PSPOs that goes to either full council or the PSPO Panel should receive data as specified above.
- 3.7 A decision to consider an area for an alcohol-related PSPO should be triggered by one or more of the criteria below:
- in a one year period, 5 or more ASB incidents attributable to a particular location;
  - within one year, 3 or more complaints from residents about a location; and
  - Exceptionally, an urgent request from the local area requesting an area is given urgent consideration, thereby allowing the flexibility to 'fast-track' a particular location.
- 3.8 If one or more of the above criteria are fulfilled the borough's Community Safety Team will carry out a consultation with the public and other interested parties and present the findings to either full council or the PSPO Panel as appropriate.
- 3.9 The Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act (2014) requires that new PSPOs are reviewed after one year's operation and thereafter every 3 years. It is suggested that any review uses the dataset described in 3.5 above. However, a significant reduction of incidents in a PSPO location would not immediately suggest the PSPO should be de-commissioned i.e. the reduction may reflect that the PSPO has been successful. It is therefore recommended that the PSPO Panel or full council reviews this information in conjunction with advice provided by Thames Valley Police and other relevant agencies.

#### **4. OPTIONS AVAILABLE AND RISK ASSESSMENT**

- 4.1 Option1 – It is proposed that the methodology outlined in 3.5 and 3.7 is adopted. No other options are proposed at this stage.
- 4.2 **Risk assessment** - There are no significant risks associated with this paper.

#### **5. CONSULTATIONS CARRIED OUT**

- 5.1 There has been no direct consultation associated with this paper, but as alluded to above consultation would be necessary when a PSPO is being proposed.

#### **6. COMMENTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL**

- 6.1 Not applicable.

#### **7. IMPLICATIONS**

The following implications have been addressed where indicated below.

<b>Financial</b>	<b>Legal</b>	<b>Human Rights Act</b>	<b>Planning</b>	<b>Sustainable Development</b>	<b>Diversity &amp; Equality</b>
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes