# LICENSING COMMITTEE 14 NOVEMBER 2019

# **UPDATE ON THE REVIEW OF CONTROLS FOR DRINKING IN PUBLIC PLACES**

# 1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To report the findings of the additional consultation with Parish Councils and the Police, on the proposed revised scheme of Alcohol Control Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) within the district.

### 2.0 Background

- 2.1 In September the Committee considered a report on a Public Space Protection Orders. There was some concern expressed about the responses from the Parish Councils and the Police in regard to a number of Parishes where there was a proposal to remove the current controls.
- 2.2 It was agreed that additional consultation would take place with Parish Council's and the Police on whether the existing scheme of PSPO's for alcohol control remained relevant and that advice would be sought on if and how they could be revised.

### 3.0 Introduction

- 3.1 The initial review, has been carried out in accordance with Government Guidance and has considered if the geographical area and specific controls enforced under the PSPO are still necessary and appropriate based on a review of the evidence of existing and likely ASB. PSPO's cannot be used as a pre-emptive control.
- 3.2 The Parishes identified for additional consultation were:
  - Blidworth
  - Edwinstowe
  - Farnsfield
  - Sutton on Trent
  - Rufford Country Park. Nottinghamshire County Council
- 3.3 All of the Parishes have now been contacted and their responses are set out below.

### 3.4 Edwinstowe

Have requested an extension to the consultation process to allow this to be discussed at full Parish Council meetings in November.

### 3.5 Blidworth

Have requested an extension to the consultation process to allow this to be discussed at full Parish Council meeting in November.

# 3.6 Rufford

Have all requested an extension to the consultation process to allow this to be discussed at full Parish Council meeting in November.

#### 3.7 **Sutton on Trent**

Have provided additional information and are citing issues and requesting a PSPO is considered.

### 3.8 Farnsfield

No response from the Parish Council.

# 4.0 Proposals

- 4.1 It is proposed to continue liaison with the Parish Councils and to obtain details of any additional comments they may wish to make. These will then be considered alongside comments from the Police and the latest crime and anti-social behaviour data for each parish before deciding on an appropriate course of action.
- 4.2 It is further proposed that once the course of action is identified it will be subject to consideration by the Licensing Committee.

### 5.0 Equalities Implications

5.1 The Equalities Impact Assessment has been completed. It is recognised that those with alcohol dependency may be adversely impacted. To mitigate any inequality and to ensure support is in place any individual who presents as being vulnerable, or who has previously been referred to LMAPS will be discussed at a case conference chaired by the Business Manager or Assistant Business Manager - Public Protection, to establish the best course of action in both the interest of the public and in the interest of the individual concerned.

# 6.0 <u>Financial Implications</u>

6.1 None from this report

# 7.0 Community Plan – Alignment to Objectives

7.1 Objective 2: Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour and increase feelings of safety in our communities: The proposed control will provide an enforcement tool to control drink related ASB.

# 8.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

That additional consultation with the Parish Councils and the Police continues and that a further report be brought to the Committee once this process has been completed.

# **Background Papers**

Anti-Social, Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014

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