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### Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

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**Time and Date**

10.30 am on Wednesday, 17 April, 2019

**Place**

Committee Room 3, Council House, Coventry

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**Public Business****1. Apologies and Substitutions****2. Declarations of Interest****3. Creation of a Public Spaces Protection Order for St Michaels and Surrounding Areas (Pages 3 - 38)**

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place)

**4. Report Back on Conference - Civic Visit to Cork - 23 to 25 March, 2019 (Pages 39 - 40)**

Report of the Lord Mayor, Councillor J Blundell

**5. Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Work Programme and Outstanding Issues 2018/19 (Pages 41 - 48)**

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place)

**6. Any Other Items of Public Business**

Any other items of public business which the Chair decides to take as a matter of urgency because of the special circumstances involved.

**Private Business**

Nil

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Martin Yardley, Deputy Chief Executive (Place), Council House Coventry

Tuesday, 9 April 2019

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Membership: Councillors N Akhtar, A Andrews, J Clifford (Deputy Chair), D Gannon, T Khan (Chair), J McNicholas, M Mutton, G Ridley and R Singh

By invitation Councillors P Akhtar, A Khan J O'Boyle and D Welsh

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**Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee  
Cabinet**

17 April 2019  
June 2019

**Name of Cabinet Member:**

Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities – Councillor A S Khan

**Director Approving Submission of the report:**

Deputy Chief Executive (Place)

**Ward(s) affected:**

St Michaels, Radford, Foleshill, Sherbourne, Lower Stoke

**Title:** Creation of a Public Spaces Protection Order for St Michaels and Surrounding Areas

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**Is this a key decision?**

Yes – The proposals affect more than two wards in the City

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**Executive Summary:**

On the 12<sup>th</sup> February, permission was granted by Cabinet for a public consultation on the possible creation of a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for St Michaels ward and adjoining areas. The order is designed to address anti-social behaviour and criminal and sexual exploitation of young people.

The consultees and partners were overwhelmingly supportive of the proposed PSPO and the geographical area to be covered by this Order. The Order and the results of the consultation were also considered by the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee.

This report therefore seeks Cabinet approval to create this new PSPO which will assist Police Officers in predominantly keeping young people in the city safe.

**Recommendations:**

The Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee is recommended to:

1. Consider the contents of the report and make any recommendations to Cabinet.

The Cabinet is recommended to:-

1. Consider the recommendations made by Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee.
2. Approve the Public Spaces Protection Order for St Michaels and surrounding areas.

**List of Appendices included:**

Appendix 1 – Draft Public Space Protection Order for St Michaels and surrounding areas

Appendix 2 – Map outlining the area covered by the PSPO

Appendix 3 – Results of the consultation

Appendix 4 – Partner Impact Statements and relevant supporting evidence

Appendix 5 – Equality and Consultation Analysis

**Background papers:**

None

**Has it been or will it be considered by Scrutiny?**

The matter was considered by Scrutiny Coordinating Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

**Has it been or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?**

No

**Will this report go to Council?**

No

**Report title:** Creation of a Public Spaces Protection Order for St Michaels and surrounding areas

## **1. Context (or background)**

- 1.1 There is significant Police and local intelligence that we have specific problems in the City Centre and surrounding areas regarding anti-social behaviour, drug use, drug dealing and exploitation of young people, both criminally and sexually. In addition we have seen an increase in public place violence including gun and knife crime.
- 1.2 On the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019, Cabinet approved that a public consultation could be carried out regarding the introduction of a Public Space Protection Order for St Michael and surrounding areas; designed to assist the Police in addressing these issues.
- 1.3 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee have also considered the introduction of this proposed PSPO, the geographical area that it is designed to cover and the results of the public consultation and impact statements from our partners.

## **2 Options considered and recommended proposal**

- 2.1 **Do nothing (not recommended).** The Police and local authority, in some cases, already have powers to deal with certain adverse behaviour covered in the proposed PSPO. However, these current powers are viewed as being overly bureaucratic and could quickly result in offenders obtaining criminal records, which may adversely affect their future employment prospects. It is believed that the new additional powers will assist the Police in efficiently addressing the relevant issues.
- 2.2 **Approve the Public Spaces Protection Order for St Michaels and surrounding areas (recommended).** The introduction of a specific PSPO for the designated area would provide useful powers for Police officers, to address adverse behaviours in the designated area. It is quick and easy to use, which is an important consideration when organisations are facing reductions in resources.
- 2.3 The PSPO can be enforced by simply informing someone that their behaviour is unacceptable and advising them to move on. An offence and further action only applies if they refuse. It also has the added benefit of enabling the offender to accept a fixed penalty notice rather than appear in court and receive a criminal record if enforcement is necessary. The wording of the proposed PSPO can be seen in Appendix 1. The operation of the PSPO will be in line with Home Office guidelines

## **3. Results of consultation undertaken**

- 3.1 Consultation took place over 30 days, from 13<sup>th</sup> February to 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and received overwhelming public support over 90% of consultees supported the introduction of the proposed PSPO and over 80%% supported the proposed geographical area over which the PSPO would apply.
- 3.2 Some consultees believed that the PSPO should cover all of the city. However, the evidence from the Police and partners is not sufficient to justify a geographical area of this magnitude. Officers believe that the proposed geographical area is sufficient to address the issues previously mentioned and any displacement from so called 'hot spot' locations. The results of the consultation can be seen in Appendix 3.

#### **4 Timetable for implementing this decision**

- 4.1 Should the order be approved by Cabinet it will be implemented at the earliest practicable date.

#### **5 Comments from Director of Finance and Corporate Services**

##### **5.1 Financial implications**

No additional resource will be required to implement the proposed PSPO. Any additional income generated by the introduction of a PSPO will contribute towards Council resources.

##### **5.2 Legal implications**

Under sections 59-75 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2004, local authorities have powers to make PSPO's for a period of up to three years.

The Council can only make a PSPO when it is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the activities carried out or likely to be carried out in a public place have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the area and are persistent, continuing and unreasonable. The Council would also need to be satisfied that the restrictions imposed were justified

PSPO's can only apply to public places. This means any place to which the public, and / or sections of the public, on payment or otherwise, have access to as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission.

In line with other PSPO's in Coventry, any Fixed Penalty Notice for non-compliance with a PSPO will be set at £100 reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days. If the Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid, it is the Council's policy to prosecute the offender in the Magistrates' Court, where the maximum fine is currently £1000 (level 3 on the standard scale)

#### **6 Other implications**

##### **6.1 How will this contribute to the Council Plan ([www.coventry.gov.uk/councilplan/](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/councilplan/))?**

###### **Crime and Disorder**

Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour through partnership working is central to the delivery of the Community Safety Plan and Strategic Assessment.

##### **6.2 How is risk being managed?**

Police and City Council Officers continue to incorporate the area in their patrol strategies/ work schedules, and they will monitor the behaviour of individuals in these specific locations.

##### **6.3 What is the impact on the organisation?**

None

##### **6.4 Equalities / EIA**

The impact on protected groups as defined by the Equality Act 2010 is considered in the Equality and Consultation Analysis at Appendix 5. At present it is not considered necessary to take any particular steps to prevent the negative impact on any particular protected groups as a result of the introduction of the proposed PSPO

## **6.5 Implications for (or impact on) the environment**

The purpose of taking action is to address adverse behaviours in the City Centre, in an attempt to protect and improve the environment and wellbeing of the community.

## **6.6 Implications for partner organisations?**

Powers granted will be available to West Midlands Police.

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COVENTRY CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER  
ST MICHAELS AREA ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

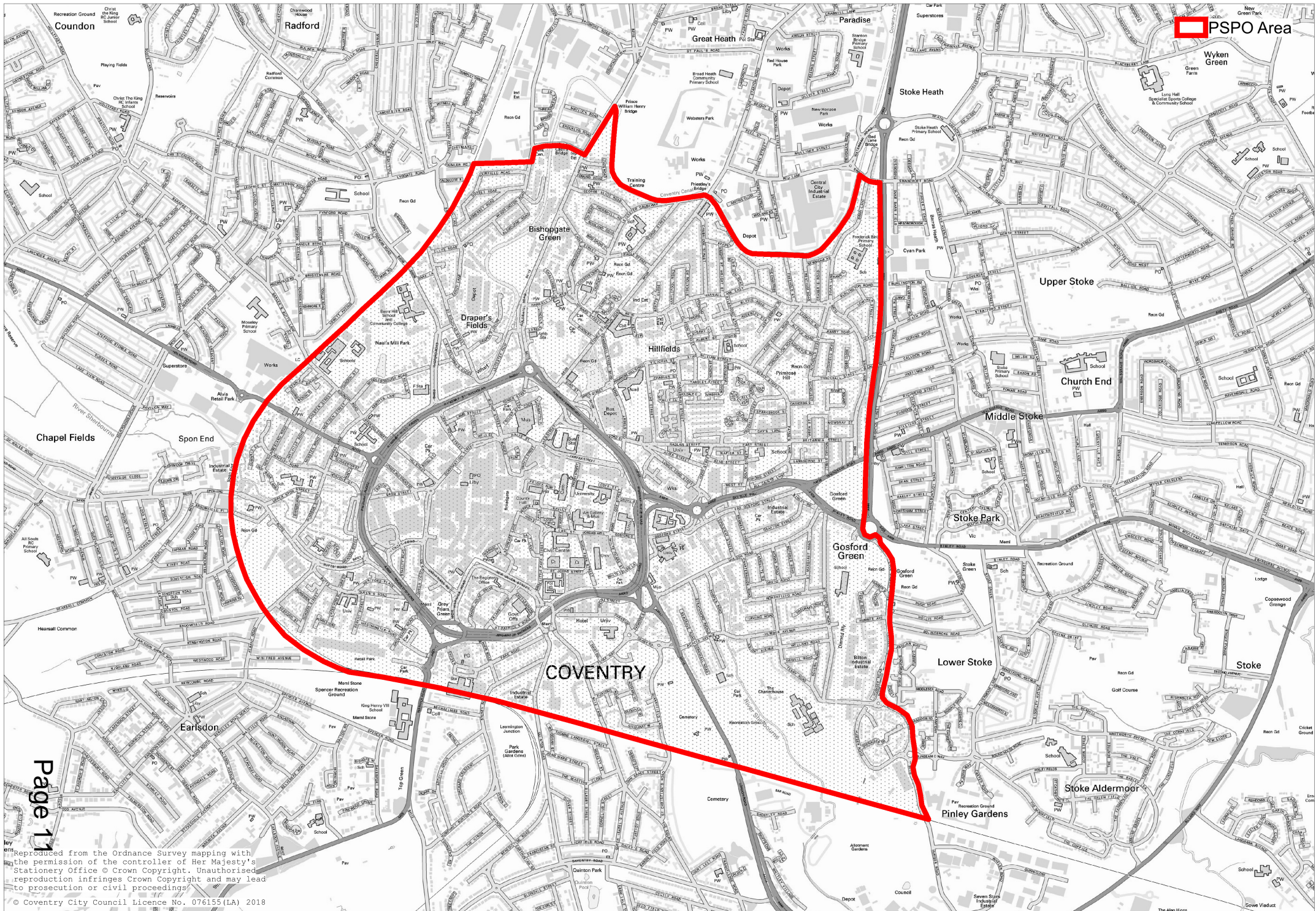
The Council of the City of Coventry (“the Council”) hereby makes the following Public Spaces Protection Order (St Michaels Area Park Anti-Social Behaviour) under Sections 59 to 75 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

1. This Order shall come into operation on (date) and shall have effect for a period of 3 years thereafter, unless extended by further orders under the Council’s statutory powers.
2. This Order relates to St Michael Ward and connected areas (see map).
3. The purpose of this order is to prevent any activities associated with Child Exploitation, both sexual and criminal and any other type of anti-social behaviour in the Designated Area including but not limited to violence, including the use of weapons such as knives, alcohol misuse, drug taking and dealing, and abusive and intimidating behaviour and language.

The Council makes this Order because it is satisfied on reasonable grounds that groups of people within the Designated Area are and have carried out anti-social activities including the procurement of young people for criminal and sexual activities. These activities are persistent and continuing and have resulted in members of the community feeling intimidated and unsafe.

4. The effect of this Order is to prohibit the congregation of groups of 2 or more persons in the Designated Area where the behaviour of some or all members of the group has or is likely to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the community.
5. This order was agreed by Cabinet on (date)

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PSPO Area

COVENTRY

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### Appendix 3 – Results of the Consultation

Q1

**Do you support the introduction of this Public Space Protection Order designed to assist the Police in dealing with the various types of anti-social behaviour?**

Answered: 114

Skipped: 0

Yes, I agree	105	92.11%
No, I Disagree	6	5.26%
I don't know	3	2.63%

Comments received ;

It will just move the problem elsewhere

All it does is move the problem elsewhere, like the one in Broadgate. A bigger project is needed across the city to tackle antisocial behaviour rather than the way the Council is doing it now. The piecemeal approach is clearly not working. Look at the data

The stated issues of knives and drug dealing are already illegal and can be dealt with under existing law. The proposals could prevent the public exercising their right to protest.

It potentially criminalises the young people on the street not the exploiters. It will create more debt and poverty

But I think it needs to cover more areas of the city

I'm not convinced that the city centre PSPO has been entirely successful and whether the police have the resources to implement and manage additional PPSPO's

The proposal is contrary to current government guidance and was never intended to be used in these circumstances and the grounds have not been adequately evidenced . The measures are draconian and would amount to making lawful association criminal and be a breach of civil liberty and human rights.

Police already have adequate powers to deal with criminality...the powers amount to a significant infringement of civil liberty...we need more police resources to use their existing powers not draconian measures to prevent citizens to congregate lawfully.

There are high levels of ASB in this area, an area where I work full time, and I fully support this proposal

If they are breaking a law, arrest them. If they are not breaking a law, leave them alone. This power is open to misuse and can be manipulated to suit any officers/forces/police agenda.

Q2

**Do you agree with the area to be covered by the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order?**

Answered: 114

Skipped: 0

Yes, I Agree	95	83.33%
No, I Disagree	15	13.16%
I Don't know	4	3.51%

Comments Received

too wide....covers a lot of areas where young people are naturally such as near Coventry College and schools so they will hang about there.

What about areas outside the proposed one? People need to feel safe wherever they live or move through. Any proposals to extend this to be city wide? If not why not?

I am concerned that if they move on they go somewhere else and the problem is just moved on to another area rather than being resolved.

It should be extended to more areas.

As above, the piecemeal approach of doing lots of little PSPOs is not working. Evidence shows that to target ASB you need to tackle larger geographical areas otherwise the issues will move elsewhere. You only have to look at Broadgate to see how it (hasn't) worked there.

Could this be extended in to Stoke Aldermoor as we have antisocial behaviour and some knife crime

St Michael's Ward is not the only concerning area or locality in which risk is increasing. Possible city wide pilot approach for consistency and safety throughout the city, rather than just moving on from area to another.

I believe it will move the problem not deal with it.

More areas need covering

It is a very large area and I am concerned about police resources to manage and implement the PSPO

Area could be city wide

PSPO were never intended to be used for an entire ward and there is no evidence that the anti-social behaviour or detrimental behaviour is taking place on every street and public open space in designated area and the proposed area cannot be objectively justified.

Yes, but these gangs will just move to other areas. Need tougher implementation of carrying weapons and carry out arrests as it is an offence and not use an excuse that prisons are full.

This is a dispersal which will cause issues in other areas - it should be city wide

Should be widely covering the whole of COVENTRY. Similar issues are occurring in cheylesmore and styvechale

Order is not needed and oppressive as it breaches civil rights

**Demographic Data – please note not all respondents left data**

Age	Number of respondents
Under 16	0
16-24	2
25-34	8
35-44	25
45-54	34
55-64	24
65-74	10
75-84	2
85+	0

Answer Choices	Number
Male	34
Female	68
Non Binary	0
Prefer not to say	3

Answer Choices	Number of responses
White (Home nations)	86
White Irish	2
Any other White Background	3
Any other mixed/multiple background	1
Asian Indian	9
Asian Pakistani	1
Any other Asian background	1
Any other ethnic group	3
Prefer not to say	3

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## **Appendix 4 – Partner Impact Statements**

### **West Midlands Police**

I am Police Inspector 4474 Mark Teago of the West Midlands Police currently stationed at Coventry Central Police Station and I manage the Partnerships Team within Coventry.

Coventry is the second largest city in the West Midlands region. Within Coventry, the police have experienced a significant increase in demand and crime since 2015. One area which has seen a substantial increase in demand and serious violence is the council ward of St Michaels. St Michaels covers a wide and varied area of the city centre including; City Centre, Hillfields, Gosford Green and the lower section of Foleshill. The 2015 report of indices of deprivation puts a number of areas of St Micheals ward as some of the most deprived in the county.

This demand in St Michaels has come in a variety of forms. At the serious end of the spectrum, this includes gang related activity, drug dealing, drug misuse and violence including the use of weapons such as knives and firearms. There are a multitude of contributing factors, including alcohol and substance misuse. One of the most concerning factors within this criminality is the fact that many of the offenders and victims involved are young people with ages below 18 years of age. This leads in turn to increased concerns around children being exploited for criminal purposes and sexual exploitation.

There are concerns around young people being at risk of exploitation within specific areas of the city centre. The open areas encompassing area of Millennium Place are consistently talked about by young people as a common meeting place and where criminal activities occur. These young people are often deemed as being at risk of exploitation or regularly go missing. There have been three reported physical assaults by young females deemed at risk of exploitation which have taken place in Millennium Place.

Locally, the Community Safety Partnership, the Children’s Safeguarding Board, particularly YOS and Children’s Services and a wide range of other groups and partners have been heavily focused on combating the exploitation of children. We have a number of multi-agency forums, initiatives and work addressing the issues associated with exploitation.

Intelligence and proactive policing to combat a number of the issues highlighted, has identified the city centre as a meeting place for drug dealing. With this comes an increased rate of crime and violence, often fuelled by different criminal groups attempting to control the drugs trade within an area. This includes both urban street gangs (USGs) and organised criminal groups (OCGs). This had led to the discharge of firearms and other weapon enabled crime .

This is just one of a complex set of reasons why we have seen a significant increase in serious violent crime within the area. Within Coventry Police, we have a dedicated team of officers (Astana Team) working alongside partners, focused on dismantling USGs and OCGs in the long term, with targeted initiatives taking place in short term to catch and convict offenders and divert and rehabilitate where opportunities arise.

The police statistics show a very concerning picture of violence and serious crime within St Michaels. We have seen just over 600 offences last financial year involving injury being caused by violent crime. We have also seen a number of violent incidents within the night time economy of the city.

The presence of such prominent violence is having a significant impact on the law abiding community of St Michaels who live, visit or work here. This in turn is affecting their confidence and having a detrimental effect. An example of this is the most recent Coventry Council household survey, which has seen a decrease in the number of people who state they feel safe at night within the city.

Within the ward of St Michaels, we have identified a number of geographical areas of concern. Millennium Place, Lady Herberts Gardens, Swanswell Street and Swanswell Park. In terms of violence, offences involving the misuse of drugs are higher within the areas of Lady Herberts Gardens, Priory Place, Village Square in Hillfields and the immediate surrounding area. Offences involving anti-social behaviour are higher within the areas of Millennium Place going all the way through to Village Square in Hillfields and includes Charles street.

One area of significant concern is around knife crime, due to the often devastating nature of the offences. Over the last financial year the ward of St Michaels had over 100 incidents involving knives, making the city centre a hotspot for such offences. Locally, a number of initiatives are ongoing to prevent young people carrying knives.

These include:

Coventry has the most schools in the region with active 'Mentors in Violence Prevention' schemes. This scheme was first pioneered in Glasgow, with their Public Health approach to treating violence as a disease, and seen nationally as best practice. Locally two charities have been able to access over sixty thousand pounds in Home Office funding to tackle knife crime within the City. We have various multi agency responses to those believed involved in knife crime and violent crime. We have also recently applied for other Home Office funding, in which we aim to tackle the issues under three strands:

- Front line professionals and communities awareness training. Priority will be given to those professionals, families and communities resident in the key areas. Training will include awareness raising (risk indicators) and response (how can they help their family & their communities and how to identify / access the right help at the right time)
- Prevention activity delivered in schools in the targeted areas, which includes primary and secondary. The objective to build resilience, de-glamourise the lifestyle, providing alternative role models and narratives, increase confidence to manage conflict and respond to peer pressure . It will also include young people on alternative education programmes and those who have recently transitioned to the secondary population or are at risk of exclusion
- Intervention activity, using a whole family approach, targeting families in high-risk area is using risk characteristics that include those identified in EIFs Preventing Gang And Youth Violence report. This will include intensive case management. Mentoring including as a mentor and developing others as mentors including those identified in the relevant communities. This strand reflects research evidence in terms of its delivery model ensuring that it builds on the protective factors for Youth Violence, providing alternative role models and parenting support groups to increase their confidence in managing their children's behaviour.

This is just some of the preventative work being done in the city around gang violence and knife crime.

### RECENT INCIDENTS

Over the previous six months Coventry has seen an increase in violent offences. We have had a number of serious offences within the city centre and surrounding areas of Hillfields and Far Gosford Street. This includes:

In the early hours of Saturday 1st September 2018, we had the tragic murder of Fidel Glasgow, who was found in Hertford Place and subsequently died as a result of his injuries. This matter remains an on-going murder investigation. Subsequently the night club linked to this incident has been subject of licencing hearing and closed.

Over the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018 one male was arrested for possession of a knife and two knives were located in searches outside night clubs. In the early hours of Sunday morning over the same weekend, two victims where subject to serious assaults, one of these assaults involved the use of a knife.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018 there was a discharge of a firearm in Far Gosford Street where two males where injured with shot gun pellets, one receiving 20 pellets to the leg.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018 two males were arrested on suspicion of knife point robbery after a large group of youths had committed a number of knife point robberies in the city centre.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> October, council CCTV identified a group of concern; they believed were involved in using illicit drugs and directed police officers to the group. One male aged 19 years within this group was searched and subsequently arrested for possession of a large combat knife.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018 a male linked to drug dealing in Millennium Place was stabbed in Hillfields. He received slash wounds to his arms, head and a puncture wound to his abdomen. From the victims clothing at Walsgrave hospital officers recovered class A drugs.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018, whilst officers were assisting paramedic with a seriously injured person, they were made aware of a male attempt to hide an eight inch kitchen knife in a bush.

On the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 a firework was thrown from a car at pedestrians in Millennium Place, clearly this could have had devastating results. Again on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018 numerous reports of fireworks being thrown at members of the public in Millennium Place.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2018, three males committed a violent robbery and were subsequently caught in Spon End area of Coventry.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018 an officer was assaulted in Hales Street.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 a live shotgun cartridge was recovered from Millennium Place.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 two males were arrested for possession of drugs in Lady Herberts Gardens .

To address these issues a number of initiatives and proactive operations are being run by the police and Community Safety Partnership. Currently West Midlands Police is running Operation Poprad, which has involved significant extra resources from other areas of West Midlands Police coming to Coventry to target issues within St Michaels Ward. Locally, staff have been diverted from other areas to support the city centre. This has resulted in a number of significant arrests and intervention. However this resource intensive activity is not sustainable as a long term solution.

We have a robust offender management strategy in place, but to deal with these incidents we have had to prioritise violent offenders over other acquisitive crime nominals. We have also used civil injunctions and criminal behaviour orders against a number of individuals.

A high proportion of the offences are committed by large groups who habitually loiter in a number of areas within the St Michaels wards. We have seen these groups move around the St Michaels ward to avoid police attention. This is after we have tackled issues in specific areas, with the use of tactics such as CCTV and even the use of police unmanned aerial vehicle. The volume and severity of offending of these groups, is having a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those living within St Michaels.

A 'Coventry Violence Summit' is to take place on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019. We know that violence has a devastating impact on individuals, families and local communities. To effectively deal with violence (and its root causes) we need a multi-agency approach, including working with schools, councils, parents and local communities. The causes are complex and will take a long term commitment from all statutory and non-statutory partners.

A Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) under the Anti-social behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 for the ward of St Michaels would be extremely beneficial in our attempts to reduce violence and keep our communities safer. It will greatly support policing the variety of criminal and anti-social behaviours outlined. In itself, it will not solve the issues, but will be a one of the key tools that we can use alongside a range of other measures. As it is preventative in nature, it will be one of the core tools we would use to address issues before they escalate into serious criminal offences.

## Business Improvement District (BID)

On behalf of Coventry BID and the businesses within the Ring Road I would like to confirm that we are 100% in favour of the proposed plans.

Many of our businesses within the ring road have experienced many issues of anti-social behaviour and I would like to make a special note of the following physical areas –

Lady Herberts Gardens – Drug taking, weapons, sexual activity

The bottom of Bishops Street by Pure Gym, where it meets Silver Street – Gang fighting, drug taking and drug dealing

Broadgate – fast bike riding, excessive begging

Alleyway between Bullyard and Shelton Square – fast bike riding

Walkway by Cuckoo Lane – excessive begging

The Burges – sporadic times of gang related crime, drug dealing and drug taking especially in the Palmer Lane area

Priory Visitor Centre – drug dealing and drug taking, fighting, rough sleeping, sexual activity

White Street coach park/subway and Pool Meadow – excessive drug taking and drug dealing

Spon Street – excessive begging especially experienced by the NTE businesses

We have several service areas where drug taking is causing specific issues, including West Orchards, back of Upper Precinct, Hertford Street, Barracks car park, and behind the businesses at the back of City Arcade. I have taken the liberty of copying in several of my business owners who have personal experience to add to the BID details here.

With the current PSPO we have not seen any significant improvements to the problems we have been experiencing, but are whole heartedly behind the extension of the area to ensure that the city centre problems are not just pushed outside of the Ring Road, but that they cover the whole ward.

Kind regards

Trish

**Trish Willetts**

**BID Director**

## Whitefriars Housing

I am Bal Basi, and I work as the Neighbourhood Services Manager for Coventry, on behalf of Whitefriars Housing Association. Whitefriars Housing owns and rents around 18,500 properties in Coventry, managing the income, tenancy management, lettings, and anti social behaviour associated with these properties. Whitefriars is part of the WM Housing Group, which works across the West Midlands, which manages over 30,000 properties.

We have a high concentration of properties within the St Michaels ward, in particular within Hillfields and Spon End. We have seen a noted increase in ASB within these areas, in particular an increase in aggressive and violent behaviour, which in turn has seen an increase in our own incident reporting.

### **Spon End**

Over the past 2 years in Spon End we have encountered a number of issues, predominantly linked to the dealing and taking of drugs. Impacts of this on our Housing Management function and our residents has been flat takeovers and the associated violence, intimidation, and general anti-social behaviour which follows.

These issues have been identified at different times in different blocks within the Spon End area, and the layout of the estate lends itself to making any anti-social activity easier. Whilst reports have reduced we are aware of known nominals still in the area who will continue to attract drug users, and continue to impact on residents and businesses in Spon End.

### **Hillfields**

In Hillfields the issues are with drug dealers, drug users, general substance and alcohol misuse, rough sleeping, prostitution and the associated anti-social and criminal behaviour that goes with it. This area in particular has been resource intensive in terms of housing management, and has also meant that we have spent a disproportionate amount of time focusing on this area.

In Hillfields Village Square and the surrounding area, there is open drug dealing which attracts the drug users, who then trespass in our high-rise blocks and surrounding area to take those drugs causing a nuisance, annoyance, misery and a serious health and safety risk to our residents, staff, visitors and contractors. Our Response Team play a never ending game of cat and mouse with these people to remove them from our blocks and then have to clean up the drug paraphernalia and biohazards they leave behind which takes them away from their other duties which residents pay a lot of money for. Despite good links with the local police, they too are limited and cannot deal with the sheer volume of people and incidents.

The drug and gang issues in Hillfields have led to various violent incidents including assaults, stabbings and shootings and has made staff and residents in the area fearful of leaving their homes after dark. In Hillfields, we continue to have major problems with drug dealing gangs affecting our housing management function by dealing inside and outside our blocks. Hillfields House is the worst at the moment with gangs of Somalians and Kurds using the chute room balconies to deal / use.

We have a large proportion of vulnerable tenants who are targeted by the nominals. This is in the form of financial abuse, physical violence and enticing them into addiction. While we can consider options such as injunctions, as a not-for-profit association, we cannot endlessly fund measures like this. This is massively impacting on our housing management function and we cannot sustain this level moving forward.

### **Foleshill, Paradise and Stoke Heath**

Most of our Foleshill housing stock, in particular Falkener House, is not in the PSPO area and we fear that the intense work happening around Hillfields will push the problems and the people responsible for them further out of the area towards places like Falkener House, Longfield House, Paradise House and Alpha House in Stoke Heath. We are already seeing displacement to these blocks from Hillfields.

### **Gosford**

We have received a number of reports from local tenants of needles being left in alley ways in the area in particular Gulson Road, Bramble Street and Harper Road. The old monastery on the corner of Gulson Rd and London Rd is also a hot spot for drug users and needles. Our tenants are very concerned about the potential risk of needle stick injuries.



## Working Actively To Change Hillfields (WATCH)

WATCH community centre located in the heart of Hillfields Coventry, founded 21 years ago after two local residents came together to encourage a positive change for the area, founder members are still actively involved as organisation members and regularly provide an insight to the needs and ideas of local residents.

We support and seek to involve people facing disadvantage, social exclusion and deprivation, people from minority and culturally under-represented groups; those who consider themselves consumers engaged with and wishing to be informed about these cultures; and persons who live in socially or linguistically isolated communities. WATCH aims to deliver demand-led support services and training in partnership with local organisations and statutory agencies.

The WATCH community hub has been a Hate Crime reporting centre for a number of years actively supporting the local policing team and social housing landlords WM Hosing Group through a number of community engage initiatives and events to encourage local residents and businesses to access police support indirectly.

During the last 2 years our organisation staff and visitors to the centre have witnessed an increase in the number of serious and escalating crimes take place within the immediate vicinity (in Hillfields Square) and the surrounding areas. This increase began with open drug dealing and gangs of groups forming in different spots on what is the deemed the “front line” there has been a steady increasing the number of drug users and street prostitution close to the village square. The presence of these large groups has reduced the feeling of community and staff Police safety who have on several occasions not felt able to take action due to the size and unpredictable nature of the groups (who often carry concealed weapons or items that could be used as a weapon such as; bottles)..

Direct quote from a local resident, **“I feel more scared now coming across Hillfields Square than I did 20, 30 years ago when it was really bad!”**

Local residents and business owners and employee’s feel scared about accessing their local services, fear of attack or being caught up in cross fire of crime is high.

Business owners and residents fear reporting to the police for repercussions as they are often threatened verbally by local gang members, this is in addition to feeling that not enough is being done to tackle the issues and antisocial behaviour taking place in Hillfields. Individuals often come to WATCH for our support to report incidents on their behalf in hope their needs will be listened to and action taken.

Within the last 6 months in addition to drug dealing there have been a number of aggravated arguments and fights between groups. Initially taking place late and night or the early hours when the area was quiet but this has escalated in the last 2 months to almost

daily to weekly occurrences at peak times from as early as 9 am when children, families and local workers are accessing the area continuing throughout the day (police cars and officers have been witnessed driving past on many of these occasions, and they have told us that this is often due to their own safety as stated above).

There have been two knife crimes resulting in two stabbings in Hillfields square on 20<sup>th</sup> September and late October and the following week there was a drive by shooting.

In recent weeks, with support of local businesses and residents reports we were able to help the Police to recover 3 knives hidden by gangs in local bushes, near bins and buildings.

WATCH remains vigilant of these activities and to increase staff and public safety has increased security measures within the centre and installed a number of CCTV cameras in and on the outside of the centre. However there are still several potential significant dangers to residents and employees while gangs continue to operate in the area to the current level.

We strongly support and welcome the PSPO aim to dispersing gangs within the local neighbourhood.

#### McDonalds Restaurants

I would welcome this PSPO for St. Michaels Ward.

My particular issues are based around Cross Cheaping / The Burges with large gangs of young people intimidating my customers outside of my McDonald's restaurant, and occasionally inside.

Blatant drug dealing at all times around the area and a real issue with beggars around the area and in the store harassing customers and staff.

Rough sleepers are around the top of Cross Cheaping at all times and this brings drug dealers and gangs of young people to the area to trade.

I have worked closely with the Police over the last few months and their support has helped but they need more powers of dispersal.

John

John Kiely | Proprietor | Jake Restaurants Ltd T/A McDonald's  
Address: 26 Cross Cheaping, Coventry

## Coventry Cathedral

Coventry Cathedral has experienced a considerable amount of anti-social behaviour across the precinct. We have particular problems with general rowdiness, drunkenness, skate boarding, drug dealing/taking, and couples having sex. We would therefore support an action which would enable enforcement authorities to tackle these issues on our land. We also play host to a number of individual rough sleepers (mainly in the summer months) and would appreciate a means of tackling this behaviour as well.

However, whilst we support the ability to deal with anti-social behaviour, we are also aware that we are often host to groups assembling for entirely legitimate purposes. Some of these groups can themselves be rowdy and emotional. They may be guests at the student ball in the Ruins, for example, or people gathering for a vigil or political purpose to express a point of view. We would not want such people to be criminalised by any over-enthusiastic use of powers to disperse and are anxious that inappropriate use of intervention could harm our ability to offer a welcoming, safe space for a range of people in a range of circumstances.

We will continue to work with the authorities to keep our staff, visitors and buildings safe and welcome a range of powers to do this, but wish to stress the point that these must be used sensitively.

## Priory Place Visitors Centre

Further to the recent emails I can confirm the following issues are still happening in and around the Priory

1: Rough sleepers, numerous occasions bedding and other related mess left behind. We have people sleeping in the main doorway and by the upstairs door. This has been very intimidating for our volunteers to have to ask them to move. On more than one occasion we have had to radio for assistance to help move them on, especially more recently a middle aged white male has become very aggressive especially around 2-3pm shouting and abusive language threatening and intimidating our volunteers and visitors.

2: drug selling and smoking is a daily occurrence under the walk way, it is a known location for drop off and pick-ups of drugs. This leads to a number of unsavoury characters hanging around the Priory. Not an image we wish our visitors to see.

3: we still have the odd incidence of indecent behaviour although not as obvious as it used to be.

4: The area at night is so dark we are unable to open the building for certain events as our visitors and volunteers have felt intimidated and frightened to walk across the bridge, behind Nandos or even walking up the steps from the BBC priory Place.

5: We have had to ask people to leave the gardens due to drug dealing on a number of occasions

6: During the summer we have a number of mass (30+) youths gathering in the garden area, police attended

I trust that gives a flavour of the issues we have been experiencing this year.

## Far Gosford St/FARGO

Trish Willets has forwarded this to me and I would like to respond on behalf of FarGo Village and general Far Gosford St area.

FarGo Village - anti –social behaviour, groups of young people hanging around, being aggressive, shouting and smoking weed and drug taking

Drug dealing outside the FV gates on both Far Gosford St and Grafton St and on the Street - done in a very transparent way with no concern about being seen

Drug dealing in the car park on Far Gosford St and in the church yard

Anti-social behaviour in the church yard which has led to knife crime and a recent shooting – groups drinking and fighting at sporadic times

Anti social behaviour in the small car park by Sainsburys/Unite , drug dealing and gang related violence recorded recently

Tail gating into the university accommodation

Rough sleeping

## Positive Youth Foundation

Dear Liam

I write to you following your request for an impact statement relating to the proposed PSPO.

The Positive Youth Foundation (PYF) is a charity which supports young people to succeed in life. We aim to raise the aspirations of young people and develop pathways in to positive destinations. In recent times, we have had significant involvement in supporting young people to navigate challenges around violence and anti-social behaviour. We frequently champion young people as positive forces within their communities, but in equal measure, challenge young people in relation to unacceptable behaviours.

If managed sensitively and with young people and the wider communities interest at the centre, we broadly support the introduction of a managed PSPO, however, would need more detail before an official response can be logged. This will require in depth consideration in relation to the liberties of the vast majority of young people and community members, which we have confidence in as we have a very positive relationship with our Police and Community Safety colleagues.

PYF would consider supporting any training elements that may be required around liaising with young people, as well as provide guidance as to local provision where young people will be attending, in order for Police colleagues to recognise when groups of young people may gather due to positive activities such as local sports, music and creative provision within the vicinity of the PSPO. This we feel will be a critical element of the order, as young people participating in positive community activity need to be protected from any potential mismanagement at a delivery level.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss further.

Yours sincerely,



Rashid Bhat

CEO

### **Statement from Horizon in relation to the proposed PSPO for the St Michael's Ward**

This statement is intended to offer an overview of the situation relating to St Michael's Ward, Coventry as outlined following interactions by Horizon staff (Child Sexual Exploitation Team) with young people that frequent that area.

Horizon have been working with Coventry young people who are being sexually exploited since April 2015.

Many young people who have been or are being supported by Horizon have been identified as being exploited within the St Michael's Ward. Concerns have been raised in regards to both sexual and criminal exploitation in this area. Many of the young people have shared that they fear for their own safety whilst in this area.

### **Impact on young people**

The impact on the young people as well as their family includes serious sexual and violent assaults, fears for their safety, intimidation and muggings.

### **Locations**

There are a number of locations that are mentioned by young people as places of concern and also mentioned by partners. The Transport Museum, Lady Herbert's Gardens, Hillfields Village Square, King William Street, Hillfields are particular areas of concern that are frequently discussed at the CSE Operational Group, Vulnerable and Missing Panel and City Tasking.

Information is shared at debriefs of young people who have been reported missing, stating that those young people are often frequenting the St Michael's Ward are during their missing period.

### **Priority issues**

The Horizon Team have identified the following as priority issues:

- Intimidating behaviour displayed by groups of youths sometimes using alcohol and/or other substances
- Drug dealing

- Concerns about young girls interacting with groups of older males
- Reports of physical and sexual assaults
- Reputational damage suffered by the area and reluctance of some young people to walk through the area for fear of their own safety

### **Police operations**

There are two current Police operations regarding young females congregating at the Transport Museum to meet older males and then being transported to other locations where they have been subjected to serious sexual assaults.

In the past there have been a significant number of complex investigations and operations which have been linked to the St Michael's Ward.

Date: 27/02/2019

Authors: Joanna Stroud, Team Manager, Horizon

Hazel Kelly, Child Exploitation Co-Ordinator



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***In line with the principles of decision making outlined in the City Council Constitution, the Council will ensure that its decision making is open and transparent, and that due regard is given to the Council's obligations and desire to promote equality of opportunity and equal treatment.***

## **Part 1**

***This part must be completed and before formal consultation is undertaken and must be available during the consultation stage.***

**Author of this document: Liam Nagle**

**Name of Service Area/Proposal: Public Space Protection Order – St Michaels and surrounding areas**

**Head of Service: Craig Hickin**

**Date of completion: 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

### ***Background to the planned changes***

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1. What is the background to the planned changes? Why is this change being considered? *If further information is available on the different scenarios that have been considered as part of this work, provide a link to the public document which contains this information.*

The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 gained Royal Assent in April 2014. The Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) provision has been in operation since 20th October 2014. PSPOs are intended to provide means of preventing individuals or groups committing anti-social behaviour in a public space where the behaviour is having, or likely to have, a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality; be persistent or continuing in nature; and be unreasonable.

The Council's aim is to improve the City as place to live, shop and do business. It is recognised that in order to do this we need to make the City as safe and attractive a destination as possible. This can be helped by minimising any factors that may deter people from visiting the City. A PSPO is a useful tool in achieving this aim.

The introduction of a specific PSPO for St Michaels and surrounding areas would provide useful powers for officers (Police and Council) in addressing adverse behaviours in the City. It is quick and easy to use, which is an important consideration when both organisations are facing reductions in resources. It also has the added benefit of enabling the offender to accept a fixed penalty notice rather than appear in court and receive a criminal record.

In line with other PSPOs in Coventry, any Fixed Penalty Notice for non-compliance with a PSPO will be set at £100 reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days. If the Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid, it is the Council's policy to prosecute the offender in the Magistrates' Court, where the maximum fine is currently £1000 (level 3 on the standard scale).

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The power to make a PSPO rests with the Council, in consultation with the police, other relevant bodies and the general public.

2. Who do you need to consider as part of this ECA? *\*stakeholder analysis*

Coventry citizens (visitors and users of the city centre), residents in the defined area, businesses and organisations in the defined area and their representatives and the Police.

### *Pre-Consultation Engagement*

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Police Crime and Community Safety Partnership Board, City Tasking (a sub group of the Police Crime and Community Safety Partnership Board who deal with operational issues in the city centre), Coventry University, Business Improvement District.

3. What engagement activities took place prior to formal consultation and what feedback was received in relation to equality issues?

A series of partnership meetings and face-to face interviews were held with the above mentioned organisations to include issues, that require action and also the proposed wording of the order ahead of formal public consultation.

### *Analysis of Impact*

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In this section please ensure that you consider the three aims of the general duty as they affect **protected groups**. These groups are:

Age  
Disability  
Gender  
Gender reassignment  
Marriage/Civil Partnership  
Pregnancy/Maternity  
Race  
Religion/Belief  
Sexual Orientation

The **three aims of the general duty** require that a public authority, in the exercise of its functions, must have due regard to the need to:

1. Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation
2. Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it

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3. Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it

**Note – when identifying potential impacts below, please only include impacts that may exist over and above general impacts that may affect the wider community/population. For example, a reduction in grant to Coventry Citizens Advice would affect all service users through a reduced level of first line advice being available to all – but it would affect the following groups more; age, disability, gender and race as they represent a larger proportion of the clients who use the advice service.**

4. Outline below how this proposal/review could impact on protected groups positively or negatively, and what steps (if any) could be taken to reduce any negative impact that has been identified. *NB. Only include realistic mitigating actions that could be delivered.*

**Age:** This proposed order will affect all Coventry people. However there are concerns that possibly younger people (up to the age of 25) may be disproportionately affected, however Police intelligence and similar suggests they are the group potentially at most risk and in need of this protection. We are in discussion with Coventry University to discuss possible oversight of the PSPO process if adopted and how this can be measured.

**Disability :**Insufficient information available

**Gender:** As for age, it's thought that young males will be most affected by this order should it be introduced. Again we are in discussions with Coventry University to see how the order may be measured and assessed if introduced.

**Gender Reassignment:** Insufficient information available

**Marriage/Civil Partnership:** Insufficient information available

**Pregnancy/maternity:** Insufficient information available

**Race:** It is recognised there is a possibility that Black males may be most affected by this order should it be introduced. We are in discussion with Coventry university to see how the order may be measured and assessed if introduced.

**Religion/belief:** Insufficient information available.

**Sexual orientation:** Insufficient information available

5. Are there any other vulnerable groups that could be affected? i.e. deprivation, looked after children, carers.

Insufficient information available

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Also include any information about the health/Marmot implications of this proposal. Contact Georgia Faherty ([georgia.faherty@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:georgia.faherty@coventry.gov.uk) or tel. 7683 1950) or Hannah Watts ([hannah.watts@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:hannah.watts@coventry.gov.uk) or tel. 7683 3973) in Public Health for more information.

This proposal is likely to have a positive impact on the current levels of public place violence and knife crime in the City.

This proposal may lead to less young people being criminally or sexually exploited, both of which are likely to lead to outcomes that may impact future life chances and outcomes.

The order offers officers the opportunity to deal with certain behaviours by breaking up groups and dispersing individuals and potentially halting escalation. Equally it allows officers to nip behaviours in the bud without the need to consider criminal proceedings.

The order risks displacement of individuals and behaviours to another area of Coventry, this will be monitored regularly by agencies.

These adverse impacts are being mitigated by encouraging interactions with vulnerable people to encourage their use of services (such as substance misuse or homelessness services) to address their needs. In addition, when an individual comes into contact with the criminal justice system they can be ordered to attend substance misuse services.

Positive impacts of the proposal include improving access to the designated area for vulnerable people, including people with disabilities and health conditions who may be fearful or intimidated by behaviour of groups, as well as attracting businesses to the city which will bring jobs and opportunities to the people of Coventry

6. What are the gaps in evidence? Can this be addressed during the consultation stage? If so, how?

There is no specific data for any protected group (see above). The public consultation will determine if this proposed order has the public's support.

7. What are the likely impacts of this project/review on staff from protected groups?

Employees who enforce this order are existing enforcement officers. There are no additional adverse impacts on our officers.

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## Part 2

*This section should be completed AFTER the consultation stage has been concluded.*

Author of this document: Liam Nagle

Date of completion: 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019

### Post-Consultation

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8. Referring to the information detailed in question 4 of Part 1 of the ECA Form, state if the consultation has confirmed the potential impacts identified that were identified. Also detail below any additional information about potential impacts that has been highlighted during the consultation.

The consultation did not bring up any concerns regarding any disproportionate effect there may be on young people or those from a black or BME background. The questions posed did not address these concerns as it is not apparent that this affect can be mitigated due to the information we already have regarding the involvement of young people and in particular young black males in the behaviours that are looking to be addressed.

We will be looking to analyse the use of the power to review this and be making it clear via youth groups and similar that people have the right to complain if they believe they are being unfairly targeted by the use of this power. All operational Police Officers now wear body cam cameras.

### Outcome of equality impact

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9. Indicate which of the following best describes the equality impact of this project/review:

- There will be **no** equality impact if the proposed option is implemented
- There will be **positive** equality impact if the proposed option is implemented
- There will be **negative** equality impact if the proposed option is implemented but this can be objectively justified
- There will be both **positive and negative** impacts if the proposed option is implemented

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## Summary of ECA

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Write a paragraph below which summarises the key aspects of this ECA.

*NB. - This paragraph will be included in the Decision-making Report as well as the end of year ECA report*

Where specific objectives have been set for any protected groups around equality impact, also include this information below.

There is a recognition that due to Police information and actual statistics there is a higher proportion of young and young black males that are involved in the behaviours that we are looking to address, both as potential perpetrators and victims.

Use of the power proposed is intended to disrupt behaviours to prevent them affecting the local community and also to protect both the people effecting the behaviour and others that may be affected.

It will be made clear to officers that their use of the power needs to be defensible and that people will be made aware of how to complain if they believe they have been unfairly treated. Where large groups are moved on, it will sometimes be done because of the behaviours of others within the group so people need to be aware of the concept of group enterprise.

## Next steps

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Please send this completed ECA to the Insight Team as follows:

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## Public report

### **REPORT BACK ON CONFERENCE/SEMINAR**

**REPORT TO:** Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee  
**REPORT OF:** Lord Mayor 2018/19, Councillor John Blundell  
**TITLE:** Civic Visit to Cork  
**DATE:** 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
**VENUE:** Cork, Republic of Ireland

#### 1. Recommendation

1.1 The Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee is recommended to endorse the report of the Lord Mayor's civic visit to Cork and the positive outcomes of the visit.

#### 2. Background

2.1 Following the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the twinning link between Coventry and Cork in 2018 and the visit of the Lord Mayor of Cork to the city in November, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress received a reciprocal invitation to Cork in March. The visit included an invitation to attend the Lord Mayor of Cork's Spring Charity Ball.

#### 3. Cost of attending

	Costs Approved by Cabinet/Cabinet Member	Total of Actual Costs
Conference Fees	Nil	Nil
Flights	Approx £103pp	£135pp
Accommodation	Nil	Nil
Subsistence	£100	£100.91

#### 4. Benefits

4.1 For 9 years there has been poetry exchange between Cork and Coventry. Over the years many poets from both cities have taken part and formed long-term friendships and meaningful collaborations at events hosted in both cities. Two poets from Cork held an audience during the Coventry Peace Festival in 2018.

The Lord Mayor met with Paul Casey of O’Bheal Poetry the leader of the project from Cork, who explained how important it was for Coventry to maintain and build upon international links through poetry and other forms of culture, particularly in the run up to UK City of Culture 2021.

4.2 The Lord Mayor met with Cork’s Learning City Co-ordinator who explained that Cork had hosted the UNESCO International Conference on Learning Cities 2017.

As one of the legacies from this, Cork is now hosting a Lifelong Learning Festival from 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> April and a Coventry representative was invited to attend one of the key international events – ‘Learning City Conversations 2019 – International Ideas in Action’. Subsequent to the visit, details have been forwarded to the Director of Education and Skills.

4.3 Recently BBC Coventry & Warwickshire had sent the majority of Coventry’s twin cities the new Coventry flag. At their request both Lord Mayor of Coventry and Cork took opportunity to be photographed with the new Flag from promotional purposes only (it was a shame there was little breeze to help with the photograph!).



List of background papers

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Other contributors: Lord Mayor, Councillor John Blundell

Papers open to public inspection: None

Description of paper: Report Back on Conference/Seminar Location: CH60

Approved by Cabinet/Cabinet Member on: Cabinet, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019



Please see page 2 onwards for background to items

<b>13<sup>th</sup> June 2018</b>
Child Poverty Strategy
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Delivering City Centre Capital Projects Scrutiny Work Programmes – 2018-19
<b>5<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b>
Meeting rearranged for 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
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Modernising Domestic Violence Abuse Services and Sexual Violence and Abuse Services West Midlands Combined Authority
<b>10<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b>
Council Performance Report 2017/18 City of Culture 2021
<b>14<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b>
Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy 2018
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Homelessness and Housing Strategy Consultation Taxi Licensing Matters West Midlands Combined Authority
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019</b>
Coventry Tourism Strategy WMCA Productivity and Skills Strategy
<b>6<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b>
Selective Licensing - consultation Additional Licensing - consultation Draft Hate Crime Strategy Report back on attendance at the 29 <sup>th</sup> General Assembly of International Association of Peace Messenger Cities (IAPMC) 'International Forum of People's Diplomacy' in Volgograd
<b>27<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b>
City of Culture 2021
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019</b>
West Midlands Combined Authority Modernising Domestic Violence Abuse Services and Sexual Violence and Abuse Services FGM Overseas Conference Reports Whitefriars Outside Body Report
<b>17<sup>th</sup> April 2019</b>
St. Michael's Public Space Protection Order Conference Report - Cork
<b>2019-20</b>
Prevent Strategy West Midlands Combined Authority Renewal Plan Emergency Planning and Resilience Friargate Development Progress Update Community Safety Partnership Action Plan West Midlands Police Transformation Programme update Knife Crime and Gang Culture Housing and Homelessness Strategy – 6 months progress report (September) Peer Review Progress Monitoring Welfare Reform Working Together Group – progress report

## SCRUCO Work Programme 2018/19

Hate Crime Strategy Action Plan

Health and Well-being Strategy (June 2019)

City of Culture 2021 (September 2019)

Modernising Domestic Violence Abuse Services and Sexual Violence and Abuse Services

**In addition the following dates are "if required", 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

SCRUCO Work Programme 2018/19

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> June 2018</b>	Child Poverty Strategy	Following a referral from the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board, the Board will consider aspects and the actions arising from the Child Poverty Strategy	Liz Gaulton Cllr Caan
<b>18<sup>th</sup> July 2018</b>	Delivering City Centre Capital Projects		
	Scrutiny Work Programmes – 2018-19	To consider the work programme for the year, including suggestions from the All Scrutiny Members meeting on 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Adrian West
<b>5<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b>	Meeting rearranged for 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2018		
<b>26<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b>	Modernising Domestic Violence Abuse Services and Sexual Violence and Abuse Services	Last municipal year, Scrucro received a report on the Domestic Violence and Abuse Strategy. This will provide information about the commissioning process to support the strategy	Liz Gaulton Cllr AS Khan
	West Midlands Combined Authority	An update from the Board meetings on 20 <sup>th</sup> July and 14 <sup>th</sup> September and O&S from 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Cllr Duggins Cllr T Khan
<b>10<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b>	Council Performance Report 2017/18	To consider the Council's end of year performance report. Possibly to look at performance from a gender equality aspect.	Si Chun Lam Cllr Duggins
	City of Culture 2021	To scrutinise the developing plans for City of Culture including seeking assurance that there is sufficient capacity to deliver the programme and that other areas of the Council will not be overshadowed as a result. Also to look at governance arrangements.	David Cockcroft/ David Nuttall
<b>14<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b>	Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy 2018	To scrutinise the report which went to Cabinet in October on Private Sector Enforcement Policy.	Davina Blackburn
<b>12<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b>	Homelessness and Housing Strategy Consultation	Following a meeting on 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2018, Scrucro requested a further item on this subject. To include contribution from service	Mark Andrews Cllr Ruane

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer</b>
		users. To be included as part of the consultation on the strategy.	
	Taxi Licensing Matters	To discuss elements of the Taxi Licensing Matters report which went to Cabinet on 27/11/18, particularly the proposal to consult on a move away from age-based vehicle licensing restrictions to a requirement based on emissions in support of Local Air Quality Management requirements	Andrew Walster
	West Midlands Combined Authority	An update on the Overview and Scrutiny business of the WMCA	Cllr Duggins Cllr T Khan
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019</b>	Coventry Tourism Strategy	At their meeting on the 27 <sup>th</sup> November Cabinet approved a tourism strategy and destination management plan – Coventry Tourism Strategy 2019-2023. Scrucoco will be able to consider further any actions or details developed since then.	Claire Mitchell David Nuttall Cllr O'Boyle
	WMCA Productivity and Skills Strategy	The Leader is the portfolio holder for this piece of work across the West Midlands Combined Authority and it cuts across the remits of SB2 and SB3. Members of these Boards to be invited when this item is considered	Cllr Duggins Cllr Maton Cllr O'Boyle Dr. Julie Nugent -WMCA
<b>6<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b>	Selective Licensing - consultation	Consultation for the proposed scheme was approved by Cabinet on 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2019. This is an opportunity for	Cllr AS Khan Cllr Ruane Adrian Chowns
	Additional Licensing - consultation	Members to contribute to the consultation before a decision on the final scheme is made.	
	Draft Hate Crime Strategy	The strategy will be in draft form for Members to contribute to the consultation	Cllr AS Khan Craig Hickin
	Report back on attendance at the 29 <sup>th</sup> General Assembly of International Association of Peace Messenger Cities (IAPMC) 'International Forum of	A report back on the visit by Cllrs P Akhtar, A Khan and J Mutton on 27 <sup>th</sup> October – 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2018	Cllr P Akhtar Cllr AS Khan Cllr J Mutton

SCRUCO Work Programme 2018/19

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer</b>
	People's Diplomacy' in Volgograd		
<b>27<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b>	City of Culture 2021	Chenine Bhathena has been invited to attend the meeting and will provide a particular focus on how communities will be engaged as plans for 2021 are drawn up.	Cllr Duggins Martin Reeves David Nuttall
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019</b>	West Midlands Combined Authority	A verbal update on scrutiny activity of the WMCA	Cllrs T Khan and Clifford
	Modernising Domestic Violence Abuse Services and Sexual Violence and Abuse Services	Following on from their meeting on 26 <sup>th</sup> September, the Committee requested a further update on progress, including information on waiting times for counselling services.	Liz Gaulton Paul Hargrave Cllr AS Khan
	FGM	Requested at meeting 27/2/19 to include progress on FGM	Liz Gaulton Cllr Kamran Caan
	Overseas Conference Reports	A report covering feedback from several overseas conferences	Adrian West
	Whitefriars Outside Body Report	An annual report on the work of the outside body by the Member appointed at the AGM	
<b>17<sup>th</sup> April 2019</b>	St. Michael's Public Space Protection Order	A report on the consultation and final recommendations on the PSPO for St. Michael's Ward	Craig Hickin Cllr AS Khan
	Conference Report - Cork	Report on the Lord Mayors visit to Cork	
<b>2019-20</b>			
	Prevent Strategy	To receive an update on the Prevent Strategy and duties associated with it.	Chief Superintendent Danny Long Geoff Thomas
	West Midlands Combined Authority Renewal Plan	SCRUCO will invite WMCA Mayor, Andy Street, to discuss his renewal plan.	
	Emergency Planning and Resilience	Following the item in October 2017, SCRUCO requested that an item on Emergency Planning and Resilience is brought to	Michael Enderby Cllr Duggins

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		the Board annual to enable them to review the arrangements in the city to minimise risks, respond to emergencies, ensure effective communication and provide reassurance.	
	Friargate Development Progress Update	Referred by SB1 to SCRUCO on 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2018. To look at the whole development, including the Station Master Plan and the progress of Friargate 2 to include financial information.	David Cockcroft
	Community Safety Partnership Action Plan	To look in detail at the action plan for the Community Safety Partnership	Craig Hickin Cllr AS Khan
	West Midlands Police Transformation Programme update	An update on progress on local policing.	Cllr AS Khan Craig Hickin
	Knife Crime and Gang Culture	To look in more detail about how a whole system public health approach can reduce knife crime and gang culture – also to include the work of the police panels in schools	Liz Gaulton Cllr Caan
	Housing and Homelessness Strategy – 6 months progress report (September)	At their meeting on 12 <sup>th</sup> December, Members requested a progress report on the strategy 6 months from being implemented.	Cllr Ruane
	Peer Review Progress Monitoring	Following the agreement at Cabinet on the 8th January, it was agreed that Scruco would monitor progress on the delivery of the actions plan arising from the Peer Review.	Michelle McGinty Cllr Duggins
	Welfare Reform Working Together Group – progress report	To hear on the work of the WRWTG and their progress on mitigating the impact of welfare reform across the city	Tina Wukics
	Hate Crime Strategy Action Plan	To look at the detail of the Hate Crime Strategy Action Plan, as agreed at SCRUCO on 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2019.	Craig Hicken
	Health and Well-being Strategy (June 2019)	Consultation on the draft strategy. Possibly to include SB5.	Debbie Dawson
	City of Culture 2021(September 2019)	To receive an update on plans for 2021, as agreed at the meeting on 27/2/19.	Cllr Duggins Martin Reeves

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			David Nuttall
	Modernising Domestic Violence Abuse Services and Sexual Violence and Abuse Services	Further progress on the contract awarded in 2019. To include performance data.	Cllr AS Khan

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