



To: Cabinet

Date: 7 March 2017

Subject: Creation of a City Centre Public Spaces Protection Order

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To provide Cabinet with comments and recommendations from Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee on their consideration of the Creation of a City Centre Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) at their meeting on 3rd March 2017.

2 Recommendations

2.1 Cabinet is recommended:

- 1) To monitor levels of begging outside of the city centre to ensure there is no displacement effect of the PSPO.
- 2) As part of the redesign of city centre car parks, to carefully consider the location of payment machines, to discourage begging and improve safety.
- 3) To ensure a standard, multiagency procedure is offered when supporting vulnerable people with multiple complex needs, who may be begging or rough sleeping in the city centre.
- 4) To identify a clear and transparent way for members of the public to complain about anti-social activities that are covered by the PSPO.
- 5) To support the development of a city centre skatepark and continue to work with partners to enable this to happen.
- 6) To develop a clear cycle plan for the city centre, so both cyclists and pedestrians are aware of suitable and appropriate cycle routes through the city centre.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 At their meeting on 3rd March 2017, Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee considered the Creation of a City Centre Public Spaces Protection Order.
- 3.2 Members heard contributions from members of the public representing Coventry Skatepark Project and Coventry Older Voices.
- 3.3 Members questioned officers and representatives of Coventry Skatepark Project and Coventry Older Voices on the following:

- Police support for the PSPO, enforcement and fines.
- Displacement of activity to areas outside of the city centre as a result of the order.
- Whether prostitution and curb-crawling could be addressed via a PSPO
- Flexibility and discretion in implementing the PSPO, especially regarding buskers and performers in the city centre.
- Current powers regarding prohibiting cycling in the city centre.
- The issue of encouraging more people to cycle, but also wanting to restrict dangerous cycling.
- Support to vulnerable people who are begging as well as enforcing the PSPO.
- Code of conduct for charity subscription collector to ensure they don't target vulnerable people.
- How evidence to support extending or enhancing the PSPO can be gathered and how members of the public and the Council can do this.

3.4 Member of the Board also requested that a further report is presented in 12 months' time to review progress.

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