



To: Cabinet

Date: 7th November 2023

Subject: Amendment of the City Centre Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To let Cabinet know of the comments and recommendations from Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee of their consideration of the Cabinet Report on Amendment of the City Centre Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)

2 Recommendations

2.1 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee:

- 1) Support the intentions of the recommendations in the report,
- 2) Recommend that Cabinet support the recommendations as in the report,
- 3) Recommend that Cabinet note Scrutiny Co-ordination's concerns about enforcement of the PSPO,
- 4) Recommend that the Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities write to both the Police Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner requesting a higher policing presence in the city centre and that they use their powers to seize illegal e-vehicles and a copy be circulated to the Committee.

3 Background and Information

- 3.1 At their meeting on the 6th November Scrutiny considered a report to Cabinet on an Amendment of the City Centre Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) which proposed the requirement for e-bike and e-scooter riders to dismount when entering the designated area within the pedestrianised area.
- 3.2 The committee considered the report and its appendices, questioned Cabinet Members and officers and received responses on the following points:
- Concerns around enforcement of the additional amendments to the PSPO, in terms of police capacity and priority within the city centre
 - The powers of the police and how the Council will be working with the police and partners including the BID,
 - How pressure can be put on delivery companies and restaurants to encourage responsible riding in the city centre,
 - How best to communicate the additions to the PSPO, including communication with schools and colleges as well as local news outlets.

- The emphasis on education and changing behaviour of e-cyclists and e-scooter riders.
- The possibility of using planning and licensing powers to address the issue longer term.
- Potentially identifying parking areas or ranks for delivery drivers.
- The economic impact of not just e-bikes and e-scooters in the city centre but anti-social behaviour more widely.

4 Health Inequalities Impact

- 4.1 A full and comprehensive equalities impact assessment has been completed as part of the Cabinet Report, including a section on Health Inequalities.

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