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1. Introduction

What is the purpose of this engagement?

Coventry City Council wishes to consult and seek the views ~~of~~ residents, and all other stakeholders in relation to the creation of a 3-year Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in relation to the public drinking of alcohol away from licensed premises and the use of Off Road Motorbikes and other Mechanically Propelled Vehicles (MPV's).

PSPO's were created as part of the 2014 Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act. They allow for conditions to be applied to persons behaviour within a defined area if those behaviours are felt to be detrimental to others in the locality or the community as a whole.

We will use the actual information obtained from key partners such as Police and others to gain an understanding of reported issues in the city and then also consider the views of the public and key stakeholders through the proposed consultation.

This combined information will then form part of a subsequent report provided for elected members to consider the merits of creating a PSPO to control these behaviours.

What do we want to achieve?

The main purpose of this activity is to seek the views of the people that will ultimately be affected by any proposed measures as part of a created PSPO. It also satisfies the expectations and requirements as outlined in legislative guidance and good practice.

The intention of creating PSPO's and similar is to help the Community Safety Partnerships achieve its statutory obligation to develop and carry out strategies that reduce crime and disorder, address substance misuse, and decrease reoffending in their local authority area.

The objectives of the activity are:

- To collect and summarise the views and opinions of the residents in Coventry about MPV's and public alcohol consumption.
- To record any feedback from key partners and stakeholders in the city and any challenges they may face in achieving their aims.

How do we plan to achieve our objectives?

The Council proposes to carry out a 4-week consultation to obtain feedback and views on issues connected to Off Road Bikes (MPV's) and public consumption of alcohol. Following this wide-reaching-consultation, officers will analyse the responses and develop a report to demonstrate how it has responded to the suggestions received.

The results of the consultation will help to inform the production of a city-wide PSPO to address these two matters. These final proposals will be published and formally agreed by the Council.

2. What can be influenced by the public and what is fixed?

Fixed:

- The length of time the plan will be in operation
- Existing legislation (PSPO's should not cover matters covered by existing legislation)

Can be influenced by the public:

- Whether the order is pursued/created
- Whether we consider any exemptions for the order
- If proposed measures are considered sufficient

3. Engagement and Consultation Plan

Who are we engaging with?

The following list are examples of the stakeholders that the Council will consult with and is not limited.

General target group	Examples of Individuals/organisations
General Population	Citywide consultation.
Emergency Services	West Midlands Police West Midlands Fire Service

Licensed premises/businesses	Business Improvement District Pubwatch/Night Time Economy subgroup
Landowners	CCC Parks and Greenspaces Citizen Housing
Off road bike clubs	Amateur Motorcycle Association (AMCA.uk.com)

When and How are we engaging?

The proposed consultation will last for 4 weeks, starting on 15th July 2024 and ending on 9th August 2024.

We have planned several different engagement activities and methods to engage with the public and partners.

Online consultation questionnaire

The main way for people to share their opinions and thoughts on the plan will be through a consultation page on the Council's online platform "Let's Talk". It will have an online survey. This will help us to collect, compare and track responses.

The page on the Council's website will give the respondent all the information they need about the proposal so they can provide relevant information. They can use the online survey on any device - mobile, tablet, laptop/computer. Residents who don't have digital access can ask for a paper copy at libraries.

Face to face interviews

Officers will look to engage and interview members of the public in the City Centre, they will have handheld computers and a copy of the questionnaire as outlined above.

What are the questions we will ask?

The sample questions below are intended to be indicative of the questions that people will be asked as part of the consultation process.

Do you think the consumption of alcohol in public spaces can make people feel less safe?

How concerned are you about anti-social behaviour resulting from street drinking (i.e. drinking in public places)?

Have you witnessed anti-social behaviour linked to the consumption of alcohol in public spaces?

What types of anti-social behaviour have you witnessed?

The PSPO would provide powers to officers to allow them to request the surrender of alcohol where anti-social behaviour is occurring or is likely to occur as a result of alcohol consumption. Would you be in support of these powers?

Do you think the unauthorised use of off road motorbikes is a problem in Coventry?

Do you think the Council is right to refuse permission for off road bikes to use their land in the City?

How will we promote the engagement opportunity?

The Council will communicate effectively to encourage feedback from the consultation and ensure that it reflects the opinions of the impacted groups. The main goal of the consultation is to inform and educate stakeholders about the proposals and how they can share their views. Communications will continue during the consultation and will involve:

- Advertising on electronic media such as Coventry City Council website
- An e-form linked to the main consultation webpage
- Advertising on social media such as Twitter, Instagram and Facebook
- Direct mail and email to local communities
- Emails to local stakeholders
- Advertised internally on staff intranet

4. What is our plan for letting people know the outcome of the consultation?

After the consultation is finished and all responses are collected, all feedback will be evaluated and presented in the consultation report.

Coventry City Council will document all comments received and explain how they made decisions and weighed consultation responses with any evidence and information. They will put the consultation report on the website. The consultation results and response, and any recommendations, will go to the Council's Cabinet.

5. Contact information

Stakeholders are able to contact officers if they would like to know more about the engagement plan or activities via the details below:

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