



To: Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Date: 21st August 2024

Subject: Update on Consultation for City Wide Public Safety Protection Order (PSPO)

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 This Note provides Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee with an overview of the public consultation exercise on the proposed City Wide PSPO relating to public consumption of alcohol and off-road bikes. As the consultation closes on 19 August 2024, full details of the outcome of the consultation will be presented at the meeting on 21 August 2024. The presentation will also set out the planned course of action in relation to the proposed Order following that consultation, which will be considered by Cabinet on 1 October 2024.
- 1.2 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee will be asked to consider the outcome of the consultation process and the proposed course of action and to make any comments or recommendations.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee is requested: -
 - 1) To consider the outcome of the consultation and the planned course of action in relation to the proposed City wide PSPO as a result of that consultation.
 - 2) To make any comments or recommendations in relation to the results of the consultation and the proposed Order.

3 Information and Background

- 3.1 On the 9th July 2024, a report seeking authority to consult on a City-Wide Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) was approved by Cabinet. The Order would bring in powers to allow the police to take action against the unauthorised use of 'off-road' motorbikes and other specific mechanically propelled vehicles in the city.
- 3.2 The Order would also provide the police with powers to control the drinking of alcohol in public spaces, including the power to order persons consuming alcohol in public places to stop drinking and also permit them to confiscate or dispose of opened and unopened cans or bottles.

- 3.3 Under the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014, Local Authorities are required to undertake a statutory consultation. They must consult with the Local Chief of Police, the Police Crime Commissioner, owners and occupiers of land within the affected area where reasonably practicable, and appropriate community representatives.
- 3.4 A City wide 4-week consultation commenced on the 19 July 2024 and will close on Monday 19 August 2024.

4 Progress Update – Consultation

- 4.1 A range of measures have been used to publicise the consultation process and encourage people to make their views known.

This has included:

- An online survey on Coventry City Council – “Let’s Talk” pages
- Press releases to promote the consultation
- A Social Media campaign to promote the consultation
- Emails to elected members and community groups publicising the consultation
- Council Staff conducting surveys with members of the public – where?

- 4.2 In addition the Council has consulted directly with key statutory and non-statutory partners, these included:

- West Midlands Police
- Citizen Housing
- West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner
- Business Improvement District (BID)
- Parks and Greenspaces (Coventry City Council)
- Public Health (Coventry City Council)

5 Results

- 5.1 As the consultation on the PSPO closes on the 19 August 2024, it has not been possible to include the outcomes in this Briefing Note. A presentation detailing the outcome of the consultation, together with the proposed course of action will be made to Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee at their meeting on 21 August 2024.

6 Next Steps

- 6.1 A report will be submitted to Cabinet on 1 October 2024 outlining the outcome of the consultation and proposing a course of action relating to the proposed new City Wide PSPO.
- 6.2 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee will consider the outcome of the consultation and submit any comments or recommendations in relation to the proposed PSPO.

7 Equality Impact Assessment Inequalities

- 7.1 A full EIA will be included with the Cabinet report which will be considered on 1 October, 2024.

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