

To: Cabinet

From: Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Date: 1st October 2024

Subject: Proposed Creation of a City-Wide Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To inform Cabinet of the outcome of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee's consideration of the Proposed Creation of a City-Wide Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO).

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that:
- 1) Cabinet considers the additional information circulated (an Addendum to Appendix 3 of the report).
 - 2) Cabinet agrees the recommendations in the report.

3 Information and Background

- 3.1 At their meeting on 25th September 2024 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee considered a report on the Proposed Creation of a City-Wide Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO).
- 3.2 Alongside the report, a response was received from the West Midlands Police (WMP) as an Addendum to Appendix 3, which was considered by Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee at the meeting (copy attached to this Briefing Note).
- 3.3 The Committee considered the report and response from WMP and asked questions of the officers. The areas of discussion included:
- The use of PSPO as a helpful tool to allocate resource effectively for early intervention.
 - The reputational damage that occurred from the expiry of the previous PSPO.
 - The plans in place to track and control issues on the ground.
 - The process that officers follow and the associated penalties available when dealing with unauthorised use of offroad motorbikes and drinking of alcohol in public spaces.

- The background to Operation Prosperity, a West Midlands Police and local partner targeted operation in Coventry that aims to identify and hold offenders accountable for the negative impact they have on their local community
 - The significance of building intelligence, and the need for the community to report sightings and information.
 - The importance of raising public awareness around the PSPO ensuring residents are confident of the rules and able to report back.
 - The ongoing work taking place with Trading Standards in the sales of Nitrous Oxide/Illegal vapes, and further work to be done in raising awareness through public health and education.
 - The changes to the PSPO process following on from the King's Speech, and awaiting guidance to proceed.
 - The development of new process to ensure that lessons learned from the expiry of the previous order are carried out.
 - The solutions around repeat reoffenders and importance of gathering the public's view on the current 'Community Safety Plan' consultation.
- 3.4 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Identified further areas assigned to Scrutiny to include:
- 1) Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board to take an item on the rehabilitation of reoffenders.

4 Health Inequalities Impact

- 4.1 A full EIA has been completed as part of the Cabinet Report appendix 5, including health inequalities.

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