

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....17th February 2022

1. Title of Item/Report

Crime and Disorder Select Committee - Scrutiny Review of Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs)

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to the final report that presented the outcome of the Crime & Disorder Select Committee Scrutiny Review of Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs).

RESOLVED that:-

1) SBC and Cleveland Police use their available media platforms (e.g. websites, social media, Stockton News) to reinforce existing mechanisms for reporting ASB and, as a means of countering any negative perceptions around a lack of response to the notification of incidents, communicates operational successes in identifying and addressing ASB within the Borough;

2) Consideration is given to an increased dedicated and visible multiagency presence (including the use of recently enhanced SBC Civic Enforcement resources) within the Borough's town centres to support local businesses and reassure residents / visitors in identifying and responding to ASB;

3) As part of any future formal PSPO consultation, an easy-read flowchart (such as the draft version in Appendix 3 of the report) of the existing PSPO consultation, implementation and review procedures be included;

4) Reassurance be provided that the following key principles and processes of PSPO planning and implementation (as referenced within paragraph j) of the report's conclusion) have been undertaken as part of any future formal consideration around the introduction of a PSPO in the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees:-

a) all other avenues of support and / or use of existing powers have been demonstrably exhausted;

b) appropriate evidence is in place to justify the introduction of this

additional tool in the fight against ASB;

c) any proposal is clear, targeted, proportional and easily defined to a specific geographical area;

d) a robust and timely plan to inform the public of any future PSPO implementation is outlined;

e) sufficient, visible and sustainable enforcement resources are dedicated to the PSPO area.

5) Adhering to the approach that problem-behaviour is targeted, not a person's status, the implementation of any PSPO does not target homeless individuals for being homeless;

6) SBC adopts a formal definition of 'aggressive begging' as follows:

The action of begging for money or other items in a manner considered to be unreasonably threatening or intimidating, especially when targeting a person due to a perceived vulnerability or in a location such as in the vicinity of ATMs / cashpoints. This includes, but is not limited to, behaviour such as:

- Repeated requests for money or items whilst approaching or following the person from whom the request is made;
- Continuing to make requests for money or items from a person, after the person has refused or implied reluctance to give money or items;
- Using false or misleading information in order to request money or other items;
- Providing or delivering, or attempting to provide, unsolicited services or products with a demand or exertion of pressure for payment in return.

3. Reasons for the Decision

This topic was included on the Scrutiny Work Programme for 2021-2022. The review is now complete, and the recommendations have been endorsed by the Crime and Disorder Select Committee for submission to Cabinet.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight - Friday 25th February 2022

Proper Officer  
21 February 2022