

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting23rd February 2023

1. Title of Item/Report

Public Space Protection Order

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on a Public Space Protection Order.

The protection of public space within the town centre settings was a key priority for the Council. Whilst Stockton-on-Tees continued to have the lowest recorded crime and anti-social behaviour rate in the Cleveland Police area, significant challenges remained around town centre environments.

Furthermore, public perceptions relating to the fear of crime and disorder continued to be poor, especially when it came to Stockton Town Centre and specifically in relation to aggressive begging and disorderly behaviour.

The report provided a background for a decision on the introduction of a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to be made.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The contents of the report and the considerations for implementing a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) within the boundary of Stockton-on-Tees be noted.

2. Officers progress to the legal stage of the implementation of the proposed PSPO.

3. The fixed penalty notice rate be set at £100.00.

3. Reasons for the Decision

This report is made to seek approval from Cabinet, to introduce a Public Space Protection Order within the Borough of Stockton on Tees, specifically Stockton Town Centre and Norton Village. The purpose of the

PSPO is to reduce anti-social behaviour within two areas of our borough, specifically in relation to aggressive begging and street drinking which residents have told us is having a detrimental impact on their feelings of safety.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None.

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Norma Stephenson declared a non-registerable interest in respect of agenda item 7 – Public Space Protection Order as a family member worked within the area that would be covered by the Order.

Councillor Nigel Cooke declared a non-registerable interest in respect of agenda item 7 – Public Space Protection Order as he was a board member of Tees Valley Music Alliance and the service was located within the area that would be covered by the Order.

6. Details of any Dispensations

None.

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

Midnight Friday 3 March 2023

Proper Officer
27 February 2023