

Agenda Item

Crime and Disorder Select Committee

22nd July 2021

SCRUTINY REVIEW OF PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS (PSPOs)

Summary

The first evidence-gathering session for the Committee's review of Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) is scheduled to receive contributions from representatives of Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council Community Services and Legal Services departments.

Detail

1. In advance of this session, Members are strongly advised to familiarise themselves with the Local Government Association *Public Space Protection Orders – Guidance for councils* (February 2018) document which was highlighted at the last Committee meeting when the review's scope and plan was considered and agreed. The LGA publication has been included within these meeting papers and can also be found at the following link:

https://www.local.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/10.21%20PSPO%20guidance_06_1.pdf

2. The Committee will receive a joint presentation from the Council's Community Protection and Resilience Service Manager (Community Services) and the Council's Chief Solicitor / Lawyer (Legal Services) which will cover the following elements:
 - Existing anti-social behaviour (ASB) challenges across the Borough (and where these are most prevalent)
 - Current measures in place to tackle ASB / why are these not sufficient to tackle concerns?
 - Reasons for using a PSPO and expected benefits / challenges – how will this be measured / reviewed?
 - Process for implementation of PSPO
 - Legal viability of using a PSPO
 - What conditions have to be met / satisfied?
 - Who needs to be involved?
 - Enforcement – impact on existing resources
 - Examples of PSPOs used by other Local Authorities
3. A copy of the agreed scope and plan for this review is included for information, as is the background briefing document that was presented at the June 2021 meeting.

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