

SCRUTINY REVIEW OF PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDERS (PSPOs)

Summary

The fourth evidence-gathering session for the Committee's review of Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) is scheduled to receive contributions from other Local Authorities who have implemented a PSPO, Stockton Business Improvement District (BID), and will also reflect on alternative views surrounding PSPOs.

Detail

1. As per previous evidence-gathering sessions, Members are reminded of the Local Government Association *Public Spaces Protection Orders – Guidance for councils* (February 2018) document which has been highlighted at previous Committee meetings:

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

2. Further to information provided in July 2021, representatives from Middlesbrough Borough Council will be in attendance to respond to the following:
 - Rationale for introducing a PSPO
 - Consultation undertaken / objections faced
 - When PSPO introduced / area covered / restrictions
 - Enforcement of PSPO – available resources and any challenges / data on FPNs issued and paid
 - Ultimate impact of implementing the PSPO on addressing identified anti-social behaviour (ASB) – how is this measured / reviewed?
 - Perceived implications if the Council did not introduce the PSPO
 - Reports on behalf of each organisation are attached.

In addition to the information provided at this meeting, the Local Government Association (LGA) published a series of Council case studies on tackling ASB in June 2021. Providing experiences and best practice in addressing and preventing ASB, as well as promoting the 'Community Trigger' process, further details (including a useful 'lessons learned' section within each case study) can be found at the following link:

<https://www.local.gov.uk/tackling-anti-social-behaviour-case-studies>

3. Following a Committee proposal at the last session in October 2021, representatives of Stockton Business Improvement District (BID) have been invited to provide views on the following:
 - Challenges faced by local business around anti-social behaviour (ASB) (inc. any specific examples)

- What businesses do / have tried to do to address ASB impacting upon them (inc. any partnership-working – Council, Police, etc.)
 - Perceived implications if the Council did not introduce a PSPO
 - Any awareness of / information on the benefits / challenges to businesses from the implementation of a PSPO elsewhere?
4. In order to consider a balanced range of opinions around the issue of PSPOs, attention is also drawn to a number of other views on the use of such Orders (see attached report).
5. A copy of the agreed scope and plan for this review is included for information.

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