

**Report of the Chief Executive****PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO) MALTHOUSE CLOSE/KNAPP AVENUE****1. Purpose of report**

To seek approval to renew an existing PSPO which is due to expire.

**2. Background**

Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) were introduced as a provision of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. Their purpose is to help curb various aspects of anti-social behaviour in public spaces in designated areas (known as restricted areas). PSPOs replace various measures, including Gating Orders.

In June 2011, the making of a Gating Order was approved by Cabinet to block off access to an alleyway between Malthouse Close and Knapp Avenue Eastwood. This was in response to persistent anti-social and criminal behaviour within the alleyway which included arson, drug use, littering, underage drinking, abusive behavior, and property damage. The Gating Order had an immediate and dramatic effect on the situation resulting in the activities ceasing due to the lack of access to the alley.

In March 2016, the existing Gating Order was converted to a Public Spaces Protection Order under the provisions of the Anti-social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014. The order was made for a period of three years and expires on 3 March 2019. Given the impact the making of the order had, it is proposed to renew the PSPO for a further three years, which is the maximum period allowed under the legislation.

Consultation on the potential renewal has been undertaken with relevant parties and the results will be presented at the committee meeting. A copy of the proposed Order is attached at appendix 1 and response to the consultation are at appendix 2.

**3. Financial implications**

The estimated cost of the consultation (including signage) is £3,120. It is anticipated that this will be met from existing budgets.

**Recommendation**

**Committee is asked to RESOLVE that in accordance with the provisions of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 the existing Malthouse Close/Knapp Avenue Public Spaces Protection Order be renewed, as detailed in the appendix, for a period of three years with effect from 3 March 2019.**

**Background papers**

Nil