

Report of the Chief Executive

RENEWAL OF PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDERS1. Purpose of report

To update Committee on the renewal by the Chief Executive using executive powers, of existing Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) in order to continue helping to control issues around public consumption of alcohol.

2. Background

Public Spaces Protection Orders are designed to deal with a particular nuisance in a particular area by imposing conditions on the use of that area. They were introduced through the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and came into effect in October 2014. Councils are responsible for making PSPOs and can do so on any public space. Before making a PSPO, a Council must be satisfied, on “reasonable grounds”, that the behaviour to be restricted:

- is having, or is likely to have, a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality;
- is, or is likely to be, persistent or continuing in nature;
- is, or is likely to be, unreasonable; and
- justifies the restrictions imposed.

A PSPO can be used to restrict the consumption of alcohol in a public space where the above conditions have been met. Six PSPOs were recently in place in Broxtowe for the control of alcohol consumption. These are listed in Appendix 1 and maps showing the “restricted areas” are also attached. A PSPO can only be made for a maximum of three years after which consideration has to be given to its renewal, otherwise it lapses. Four of the Broxtowe alcohol control PSPOs expired on 10 May 2020, and two expired on 30 April 2020.

Consultation took place on the proposal to renewal and the only comments received were from Nottinghamshire Police who are supportive of the proposal (appendix 3).

The proposal to renew the six PSPOs, and to consolidate them into one Order which covers the existing six areas, would have been brought to this Committee at its meeting at the end of April, but this was cancelled due to the Coronavirus crisis. Due to the requirement to renew the PSPOs before they expired, the Chief Executive used her executive powers to make the renewal. The new consolidated Order is attached at appendix 2.

Financial implications

There are no financial implications.

Recommendation

Committee is asked to NOTE the decision made by the Chief Executive to create a Public Spaces Protection Order in accordance with the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 as detailed in appendix 2.

Background papers

Nil