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Meeting	CABINET
Time/Day/Date	5.00 pm on Tuesday, 1 March 2022
Location	Council Chamber, Council Offices, Coalville
Officer to contact	Democratic Services (01530 454512)

AGENDA

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Under the Code of Conduct members are reminded that in declaring disclosable interests you should make clear the nature of that interest and whether it is pecuniary or non-pecuniary.	
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Circulation:

Councillor R Blunt (Chairman)
Councillor R Ashman (Deputy Chairman)

Councillor R D Bayliss
Councillor T Gillard
Councillor K Merrie MBE
Councillor N J Rushton
Councillor A C Woodman

MINUTES of a meeting of the CABINET held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Coalville on TUESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2022

Present: Councillor R Blunt (Chairman)

Councillors R Ashman, R D Bayliss, T Gillard, K Merrie MBE, N J Rushton and A C Woodman

In Attendance: Councillors

Officers: Mrs B Smith, Mr J Arnold, Mr A Barton, Mr D Bates, Miss E Warhurst, Mrs C Hammond, Ms R Haynes and Mr P Wheatley

76. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received.

77. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No interests were declared.

78. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

No questions were received.

79. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2022 were considered.

It was moved by Councillor T Gillard seconded by Councillor R Bayliss and

RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2022 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Reason for decision: To comply with the Constitution.

80. BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX 2022/23

The Corporate Portfolio Holder presented the report, updating Cabinet on the results of the statutory budget consultation.

It was noted that at present the budget balanced, however in the medium term there remained some uncertainty.

Members informed the meeting that in a recent Tenant's Consultation, tenants were in favour of a rent increase in order to maintain the high standard of housing which was currently provided.

It was also noted that during the consultation, the public were in favour of a freeze in Council Tax rates.

It was moved by Councillor N Rushton, seconded by Councillor R Bayliss and

RESOLVED THAT:

1. The General Fund, Housing Revenue Account and Special Expense budgets be recommended to Council .

This included:

A) The district's share of council tax in 2022/23 be frozen

B) Rents be increased by up to 4.1%

C) Special expense precepts be changed as detailed in section 5

D) Fees and charges be changed as detailed in appendices 1b, 2b and 2c

2. The S151 assurance statement given in section 5 be noted; and

3. Authority be delegated to the Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Corporate Portfolio Holder, to make minor amendments to the budget to improve its accuracy prior to consideration at Council on 24 February 2022

Reason for decision: Required as part of the 2022/23 budget process.

81. 2022 - 2027 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLANS

The Corporate Portfolio Holder presented the report, setting out the medium term financial position for both the General Fund and the Housing Revenue Account.

The need to begin on the Journey to Self Sufficiency was highlighted, however it was also noted that the district's business growth rates were overwhelmingly positive, which put the Council in a strong position during what could potentially be precarious times.

By affirmation of the meeting it was

RESOLVED THAT:

The Council's revised Medium Term Financial Plan be noted.

Reason for decision: For Members to be aware of the medium term financial position when considering the 2022/23 final budgets.

82. PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS AND TREASURY STRATEGIES 2022-23

The Corporate Portfolio Holder presented the report, determining the affordability and impact of capital expenditure plans and setting out the Council's overall capital framework.

It was moved by Councillor N Rushton, seconded by Councillor R Ashman and

RESOLVED THAT:

1. The following Strategies be recommended to Council

- Capital Strategy 2022-23 (Appendix 1)
- Treasury Management Statement (Appendix 2)
- Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement 2022-23 (Appendix 3)
- Investment Strategy 2022-23 (Appendix 4)

2. Authority be delegated to the Section 151 Officer in conjunction with the Corporate Portfolio Holder to make adjustments to the Strategies to reflect any changes agreed to the revenue and capital budgets between the date of Cabinet and consideration by Council on 24 February 2022.

Reason for decision: To meet the requirements of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CPIFA) Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Government.

83. NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE VISITOR ECONOMY PLAN

The Business and Regeneration Portfolio Holder presented the report, reaffirming the Council's desire to grow the North West Leicestershire Visitor Economy sector.

It was noted that the Council needed to evolve services in order to boost appeal, and that it was important to attract new visitors as well as retaining existing ones.

With regard to retaining the Tourist Information Service, it was observed that whilst people are often resistant to change, the proposals set out in the report were expected to be positively received overall.

It was moved by Councillor T Gillard, seconded by Councillor K Merrie and

RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) The need to deliver more impactful support to the district's visitor economy be reaffirmed by Cabinet.
- 2) The four priority activities set out in this report as the core of the council's visitor economy work plan be adopted.
- 3) Support for Option One, as set out in Appendix 1, as the preferred model for the future provision of TIC services in Ashby and granted delegated powers to the Strategic Director for Place (in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Business and Regeneration) and agreed terms for the future operation, be confirmed by Cabinet.

Reason for decision: The Council Delivery Plan sets out clear targets for the visitor economy. Current performance statistics gathered in the NWL STEAM report indicate that we are unlikely to achieve the targets set. Remedial action is required.

84. MINUTES OF THE COALVILLE SPECIAL EXPENSES WORKING PARTY

The Community Services Portfolio Holder presented the report, sharing the minutes of the Coalville Special Expenses Working Party with Cabinet.

The positive commitment of the Committee was highlighted as well as their endeavours to deliver a portfolio of events and projects to improve the quality of life to local residents.

It was moved by Councillor A Woodman, seconded by Councillor T Gillard and

RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the Coalville Special Expenses Working Party at Appendix 1 and the recommendations detailed at Section 3.0 of this report be approved and noted by Cabinet.

Reason for decision: So that the decisions of the Coalville Special Expenses Working Party could be considered.

The meeting commenced at 5.00 pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 5.15 pm

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET – TUESDAY, 1 MARCH 2022



Title of Report	PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO) ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH	
Presented by	Cllr Andrew Woodman Portfolio Holder for Community Services	
Background Papers	<u>Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014</u>	Public Report: Yes
		Key Decision: Yes
Financial Implications	Required signage to be funded by the Community Safety Partnership budget.	
	Signed off by the Section 151 Officer: Yes	
Legal Implications	The order will provide the police with an on the spot enforcement tool to be able to tackle anti-social behaviour involving alcohol and/or psychoactive substances within the restricted area of Ashby De La Zouch. The penalty for not complying with a request from an officer would likely be a fixed penalty notice (FPN) being issued with the potential for a prosecution if the FPN is not paid or for repeat offenders.	
	Signed off by the Monitoring Officer: Yes	
Staffing and Corporate Implications	The management of the PSPO will not require any additional staffing resources as any work undertaken will be absorbed within current officer workloads.	
	Signed off by the Head of Paid Service: Yes	
Purpose of Report	For Cabinet to give consideration to the introduction of a Public Spaces Protection Order relating to a) Alcohol use/possession in a public space within the restricted area of Ashby De La Zouch; and b) Psychoactive substance use/possession in a public space within the restricted area of Ashby De La Zouch.	
Reason for Decision	To provide additional powers to the police and council officers in combatting anti-social behaviour involving alcohol and/or psychoactive substances.	
Recommendations	THAT CABINET APPROVES THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER AS SET OUT WITHIN APPENDIX 1.	

1.0 Background

- 1.1 In October 2014 the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014 (the “Act”) was introduced. Within the Act, existing anti-social behaviour tools and powers were reviewed and condensed. PSPOs were introduced which incorporated previous powers such as Designated Public Place Orders (DPPOs); Gating Orders; and Dog Control Orders. This allowed local authorities to identify problematic behaviours within their own area and provided one tool to tackle these.
- 1.2 The legal tests for introducing a PSPO focus on the impact that anti-social behaviour is having on victims and communities. A PSPO can be made by the Council if they are satisfied on reasonable grounds that the activity or behaviour carried out, or likely to be carried out, in a public space:
- Has had, 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
- 1.3 As with all the anti-social behaviour powers in the Act, the council should give due regard to issues of proportionality: is the restriction proposed proportionate to the specific harm or nuisance that is being caused? Councils should ensure that the restrictions being introduced are reasonable and will prevent or reduce the detrimental effect continuing, occurring, or recurring. In addition, councils should ensure that the order is appropriately worded so that it targets the specific behaviour or activity that is causing nuisance or harm and thereby having a detrimental impact on others’ quality of life. Councils should also consider whether restrictions are required all year round or whether seasonal or time limited restrictions would meet the purpose.
- 1.4 Prior to the Act being introduced, a DPPO existed in Ashby to control the use of alcohol in public areas. Following the introduction of the Act, the DPPO automatically converted to a PSPO with the same provisions of the DPPO and continued in force for a maximum duration of up to 3 years (2020). Therefore, this proposal is a standalone consideration rather than a continuation of any existing order.

2.0 Proposed PSPO

- 2.1 This PSPO will place prohibitions on two activities across public spaces in Ashby town centre to include Hood Park and the Bath Grounds. These will be:
- Drinking/possession of alcohol
 - Use/possession of psychoactive substances.
- 2.2 The proposed order, along with a map of the restricted area, is attached as **Appendix 1**. Ashby Town Council, and the Neighbourhood Policing Team have been active partners in drafting, promoting, and progressing this proposal.
- 2.3 Alcohol related control

2.3.1 Section 63 of the Act specifically relates to consumption of alcohol in breach of a PSPO and applies when a police officer (or an authorised person*) reasonably believes that a person:

(a) is or has been consuming alcohol in breach of a prohibition in a public spaces order, or

(b) intends to consume alcohol in circumstances in which doing so would be a breach of such a prohibition.

2.3.2 If a police officer or authorised person reasonably believes the above, they can require a person to not to consume the alcohol or anything they reasonably believe to be alcohol; and or to surrender anything in their possession which is, or which the police officer or authorised person reasonably believes to be, alcohol or a container for alcohol.

2.3.3 The PSPO would not be applicable to licensed premises or any place where a Temporary Events Notice exists with alcohol provisions.

2.3.4 The order will not create an offence to drink or carry alcohol within the restricted area. However, a breach of the order would be committed if a person fails to hand over alcohol, or containers of alcohol, when requested to do so by a police officer.

2.4 Psychoactive Substances

2.4.1 New Psychoactive Substances (NPS), which are also often referred to as legal highs, are an increasing concern up and down the country. In Ashby, there is anecdotal evidence from the town council's grounds maintenance team of paraphernalia and detritus regularly being cleared in both parks within the restricted area. Commonly found items include the metallic capsules used for inhaling nitrous oxide.

2.4.2 The PSPO will allow a police officer, or authorised officer*, to request that a person within the restricted area surrenders any psychoactive substance, or any associated paraphernalia, to them for disposal. Failure to comply with the request, without reasonable excuse, will be a breach of the order.

3.0 Consultation

3.1 The public consultation for the PSPO was launched on 24th November 2021 and closed on 15th December 2021. This was promoted through local media and social media channels where participants were directed and invited to complete a survey on the web page of North West Leicestershire District Council. Ashby Town Council also promoted the consultation through their social media.

3.2 The consultation asked consultees for their views on anti-social behaviour within the restricted area and whether they would be supportive of the proposal. In total there were 114 responses to the consultation. A report showing the full results can be seen at **Appendix 2**. Comments that were left on the open questions, as well as comments taken from social media, are shown at **Appendix 3**. The key findings and headlines from the consultation are below:

- 77% of respondents reported that they had experienced anti-social behaviour in the previous 12 months. The highest type of ASB related to alcohol (67 respondents) followed by litter (56), youth related (52), drugs (45), fly-tipping (18), graffiti (8), other (7).
- 104 (91.23%) respondents were in favour of introducing the PSPO to include the alcohol prohibition.
- 107 (93.86%) of respondents were in favour of introducing the PSPO to include the Psychoactive Substances prohibition.
- The Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire was contacted on 16th December 2021 for comment. No response has been received.
- The Chief Officer of Police for Leicestershire Constabulary, Simon Cole, was contacted on 22nd December 2021. Inspector Richard Muldoon, Neighbourhood Policing Commander for North West Leicestershire responded as his delegate and cognisant on 22nd expressing his support for introducing the order.
- Vince Mott, representing The Friends of Bath Grounds, responded on 19th December 2021 and expressed their support in introducing the order.
- The Ashby Street Pastors chose not to make a formal comment on the proposal as they wished to remain impartial.
- The Community Safety Manager at Leicestershire County Council, expressed support of the proposal providing that adequate support was considered when the order is being used as an enforcement tool against vulnerable young people. In the event that enforcement was taken against vulnerable young people, support would be made available through a referral to the North West Leicestershire Joint Action Group (JAG)
- Consultees were asked how safe they felt in the town centre at night. 42.66% of respondents scored themselves between 1 and 5 (10 being the score for feeling very safe).
- Statistics around public drinking and psychoactive substance use within the restricted area are limited due to how incidents are reported and recorded. As neither of the two proposed prohibitions are unlawful, we are reliant on a combination of intelligence reports as well as anecdotal information to support the proposal. Information and data collated is attached at **Appendix 4**.

4.0 Enforcement

- 4.1 The Act enables a police officer, or authorised officer*, to enforce the conditions of the PSPO. Both prohibitions contained within the order will be enforced in the same manner where an officer believes that there is a likelihood of nuisance being caused as a result of alcohol and/or psychoactive substances within the restricted area.
- 4.2 Where an officer believes that there is, or is likely to be, anti-social behaviour caused by a person within the restricted area then they will be entitled to request that items (alcohol / psychoactive substances, or any associated paraphernalia or container) are passed to them for confiscation and disposal. Failure to comply with this request (without reasonable excuse) would be a breach of the order.
- 4.3 Where a breach occurs, the officer would be permitted to offer the person who has committed the offence an opportunity to discharge any liability to a conviction by issuing a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN). However, within North West Leicestershire, rather than the officer issuing the FPN, this responsibility would be passed to the Council to administer. The Council must be satisfied with the level of evidence the

enforcing officer provides prior to issuing any FPN as a prosecution should be brought if the FPN is not paid.

- 4.4 The FPN for breach of the PSPO is set at £100, however a discounted rate of £60 will apply if the payment is received by the Council within 10 days of issuing the FPN. Any person failing to pay the FPN after 14 days may be taken to court, and if found guilty shall be liable to a fine. The maximum fine for breaching the alcohol prohibition of the Order will not exceed Level 2 on the standard scale (currently £500). The maximum fine for breaching the psychoactive substances prohibition of the Order will not exceed Level 3 on the standard scale (currently £1,000).

Authorised Officers*

- 4.5 An authorised person means a person authorised by the local authority that made the order. For the purposes of this order, police officers and PCSO's would be the primary front-line officers in enforcing the PSPO with NWLDC administering the FPN's. There may be an opportunity further down the line for the Council to extend those who are listed as authorised officers who are afforded delegated authority to enforce the order.

Alternative Enforcement Options

- 4.6 The PSPO will offer the police an enforcement tool that is currently not available to them. There are alternative parts of legislation that may be used to combat typical behaviours of alcohol/psychoactive substance use in public areas, some of which are listed below.
- 4.7 People over the age of 18 can drink in a public area without restriction unless a PSPO is in place. Without a PSPO, police have powers to remove alcohol from under 18's in a public space (Confiscation of Alcohol (Young Persons) Act 1997).
- 4.8 Section 5 of the Public Order Act 1986 provides a person is guilty of an offence if they use threatening (or abusive) words or behaviour, or disorderly behaviour within the hearing or sight of a person likely to be caused harassment, alarm or distress thereby.
- 4.9 Under section 87 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 it is an offence to throw down, drop or otherwise litter in any place open to the air.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 The cost of introducing a PSPO would be minimal from the outset. Signage will be required where 21 locations have been identified although this may increase to no more than 30 signs being required.
- 5.2 It is not envisaged that any additional policing costs will be required. Costs to the council for administering the FPN's are forecast to be minimal with no extra budgetary or staffing resources required outside of current levels.
- 5.3 Legal costs may be incurred, as well as officer time, for preparing cases for prosecution and any associated costs when issuing proceedings. Where prosecutions are successfully carried out, an order for costs, where reasonable, would be requested against the guilty party.

5.4 Breaches of a PSPO may result in FPN being issued which will be an income source to the Council.

6.0 Recommendation

6.1 Having considered the evidence and responses from the police, the consultation and grounds maintenance staff, officers consider there are reasonable grounds to find that the activity (consumption of alcohol and/or NPS) carried out in the restricted area:

- Has had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality
- Is persistent or continuing in nature
- Is unreasonable; and
- Justifies the restrictions imposed

Policies and other considerations, as appropriate	
Council Priorities:	Developing a clean and green district Our communities are safe, healthy and connected
Policy Considerations:	
Safeguarding:	No implications
Equalities/Diversity:	The impact of the order has taken into account compliance with the requirements of the public sector equality duty under the Equality Act 2010. We do not believe that the proposed PSPO will have a negative impact on groups with protected characteristics.
Customer Impact:	A PSPO would have a positive impact on visitors to the town centre and parks
Economic and Social Impact:	A PSPO would have a positive impact on levels of crime and disorder and ASB
Environment and Climate Change:	A PSPO would have a positive impact on the street scene
Consultation/Community Engagement:	Detailed within the body of the report
Risks:	As part of its Corporate Governance arrangements, the Council must ensure that Risk management is considered and satisfactorily covered in any report put before elected Members for a decision or action.
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North West Leicestershire District Council

Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

Part 4, Section 59

Public Spaces Protection Order

Notice is hereby given that North West Leicestershire District Council (the "Council") in exercise of its powers under section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (the "Act") proposes to make the following Order:

**Prohibition on consumption of alcohol and psychoactive substances in
Ashby de la Zouch**

1. Duration

This Order shall come into force on **INSERT DATE** and shall have effect for a period of three years thereafter, expiring on **INSERT DATE** unless extended by further orders under the Council's statutory powers.

2. The Restricted Area

This Order applies in Ashby de la Zouch to any land within the area edged red on the plan in the Schedule of Land that the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission.

3. Persons to whom this Order applies

This Order applies to all persons within the Restricted Area at all times of the day and night and includes persons inside motor vehicles within the Restricted Area.

4. The Activity

The Activity is the consumption of alcohol and/or psychoactive substances. The Council is satisfied that the Activity causes persons to engage in public nuisance and disorder and therefore has had a persistent detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, is unreasonable and justifies the restrictions being imposed.

5. Prohibitions

5.1 The Council hereby prohibits the Activity within the Restricted Area;

5.2 The Council also prohibits the possession of psychoactive substances within the Restricted Area.

6. Requirements

The Council hereby requires persons within the Restricted Area to surrender any and all items that may reasonably be deemed to be a psychoactive substance or associated paraphernalia to a police officer or Authorised Person for disposal.

7. Offences

7.1 Pursuant to section 67 of the Act, any person who fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply with this Order will be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

7.2 Consuming alcohol in breach of this Order is not an offence.

7.3 However, where a constable or an Authorised Person reasonably believes that a person (P) is, has been or intends to consume alcohol in breach of this Order, the constable or Authorised Person may require P not to consume the alcohol, or anything which the constable or Authorised Person reasonably believes to be alcohol and/or to surrender anything in P's possession which is, or which the constable or Authorised Person reasonably believes to be, alcohol or a container for alcohol.

7.4 A constable or an Authorised Person may dispose of anything surrendered under paragraph 7.3 in whatever way he or she thinks appropriate.

7.5 A person who fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply with a requirement under 7.3 (i.e. not to consume alcohol and/or to surrender anything believed to be alcohol or a container for alcohol) imposed on him or her by a constable or Authorised Person commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

8. Fixed Penalty Notices

8.1 A constable or Authorised Person may issue a fixed penalty notice up to £100 to anyone he or she has reason to believe has committed an offence in relation to this Order.

8.2 A fixed penalty notice is a notice offering the person to whom it is issued the opportunity of discharging any liability to conviction for the offence by payment of a fixed penalty to the Council.

8.3 Failure to pay a fixed penalty notice may lead to prosecution.

9. Exemptions

This Order does not apply to premises as described in section 62 of the Act.

9. Definitions

For the purpose of this Order:

“Authorised Person” means a person authorised the Council

“Consumption” means drinking, ingesting, smoking, injecting, inhaling or otherwise consuming.

“Psychoactive Substances” has the same meaning as in s.2 of the Psychoactive Substances Act 2016 namely “any substance which –

- a) Is capable of producing a psychoactive effect in a person who consumes it, and
- b) Is not an exempted substance”

Laughing gas (nitrous oxide or balloons), khat, spice, and mephedrone are a non-exhaustive list of examples of psychoactive substances for the purposes of this Order.

10. Appeals

10.1 An interested person may apply to the High Court to question the validity of:

- a) this Order, or
- b) a variation of this Order

10.2 Any challenge to this Order must be made in the High Court by an interested person within six weeks of the Order being made. An interested person is someone who lives in, regularly works in, or visits the Restricted Area.

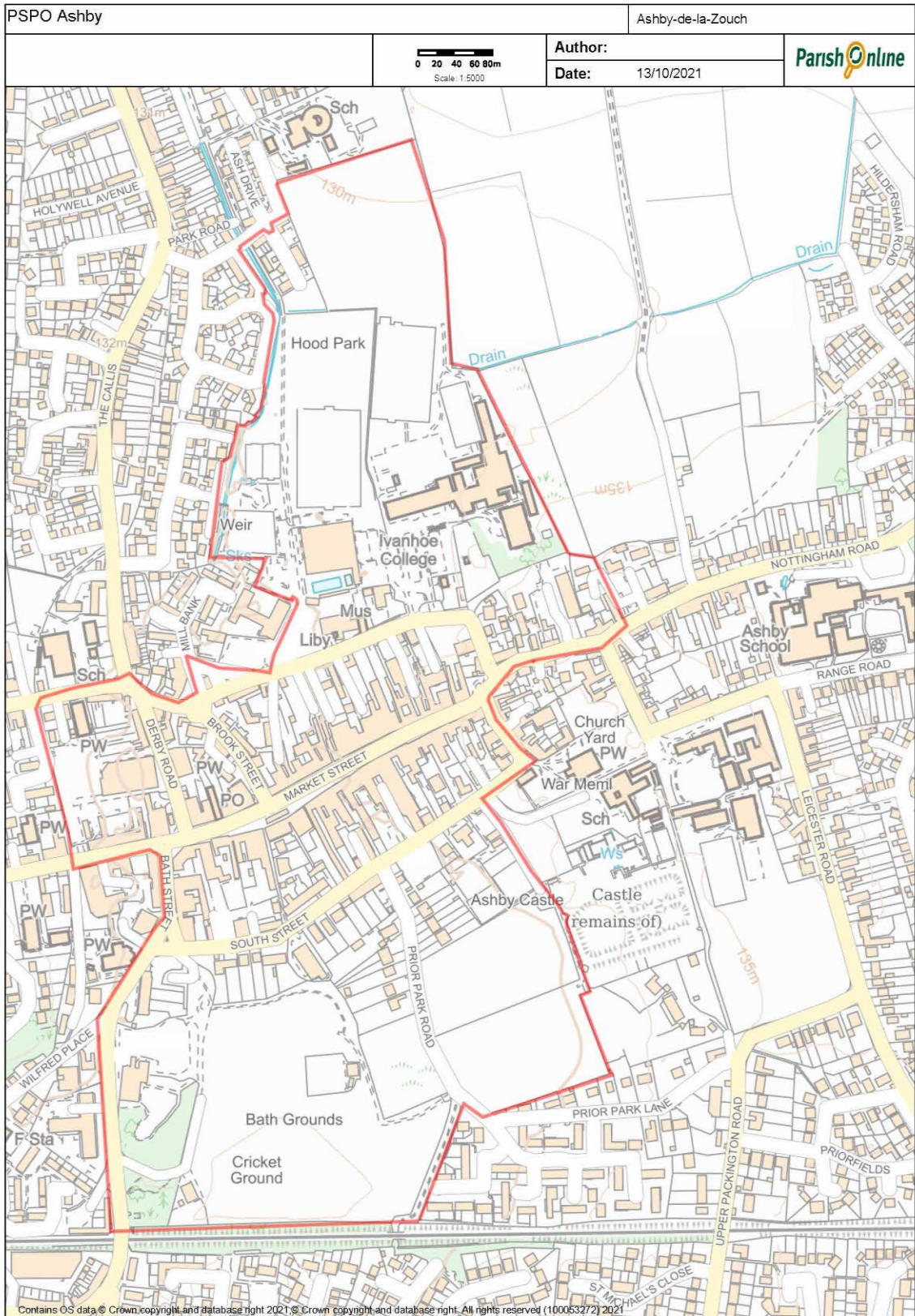
10.3 The grounds on which an interested person may apply to the High Court to appeal are that:

- a) the Council did not have power to make the Order or variation, or to include particular prohibitions or requirements imposed by the Order (or by the Order as varied);
- b) a requirement under Chapter 2 of the Act was not complied with in relation to the Order or variation.

10.4 When such an application is made, the High Court can decide to suspend the operation of the Order pending the Court's decision, in part or totality. The High Court also has the power to uphold the Order or quash the Order.

The COMMON SEAL of
NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL was affixed to this
Order in the presence of:-)

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Ashby Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPo) Consultation

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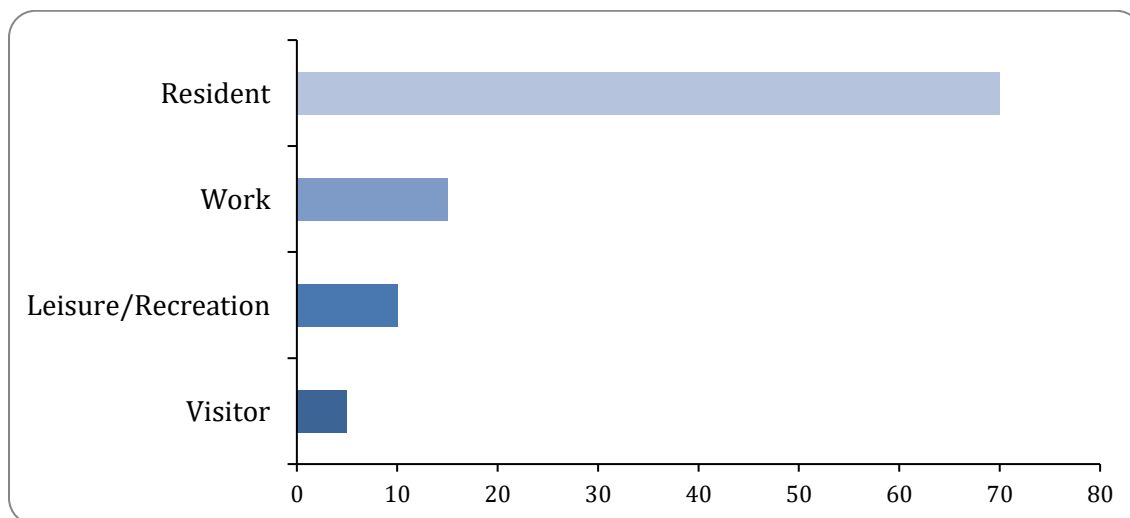
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Responses to this survey: **75**

1: How are you associated with Ashby (you may tick more than one box)

Association to Ashby

There were 75 responses to this part of the question.

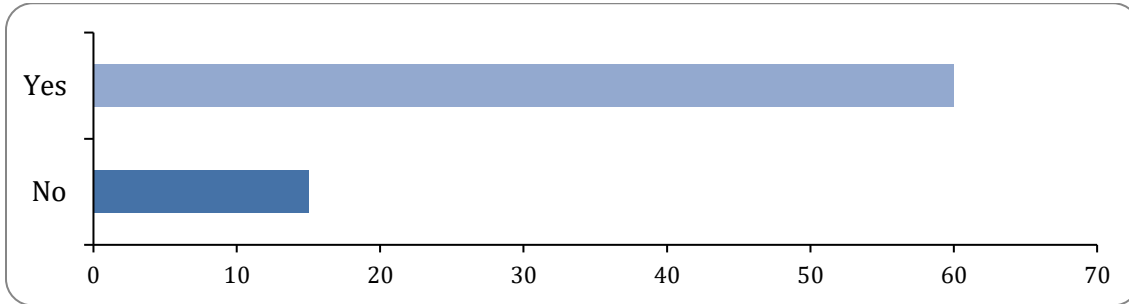


Option	Total	Percent
Resident	70	93.33%
Work	15	20.00%
Leisure/Recreation	10	13.33%
Visitor	5	6.67%
No association	0	0.00%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

2: In the last 12 months have you witnessed anti-social behaviour in any public spaces of Ashby town centre (including Hood Park and Bath Grounds).

Has ASB been witnessed by respondent.

There were 75 responses to this part of the question.



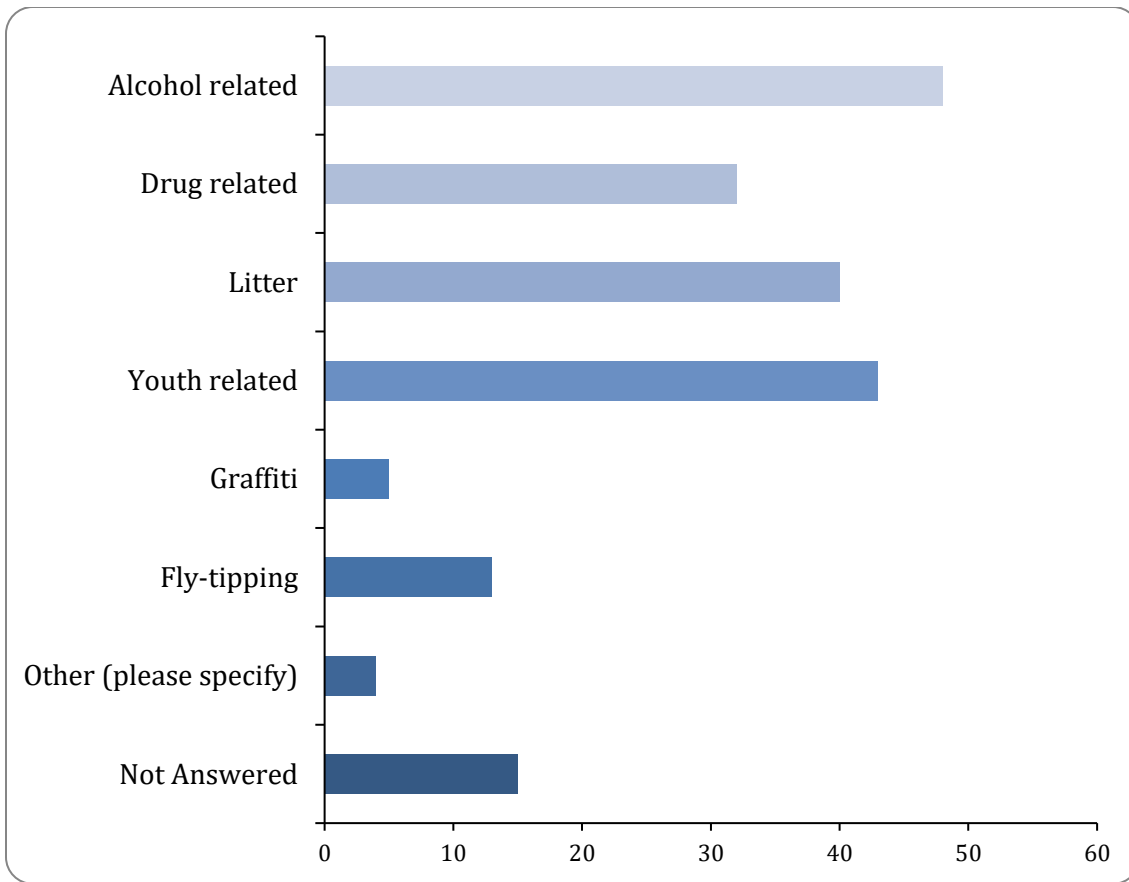
Option	Total	Percent
Yes	60	80.00%
No	15	20.00%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

3: If yes, what type of anti-social behaviour was this? Specify all that apply

Type of ASB

There were 60 responses to this part of the question.

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Option	Total	Percent
Alcohol related	48	64.00%
Drug related	32	42.67%
Litter	40	53.33%
Youth related	43	57.33%
Graffiti	5	6.67%
Fly-tipping	13	17.33%
Other (please specify)	4	5.33%
Not Answered	15	20.00%

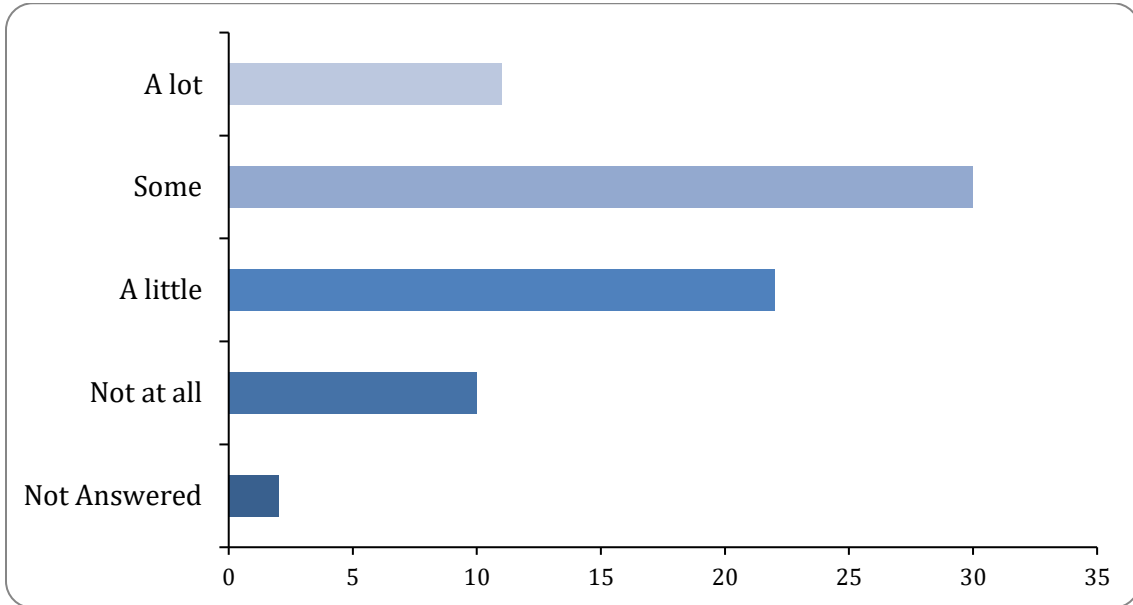
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There were 22 responses to this part of the question.

4: To what extent has the anti-social behaviour in Ashby town centre (including Hood Park and Bath Grounds) affected you?

Impact of ASB

There were 73 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
A lot	11	14.67%
Some	30	40.00%
A little	22	29.33%
Not at all	10	13.33%
Not Answered	2	2.67%

Comments

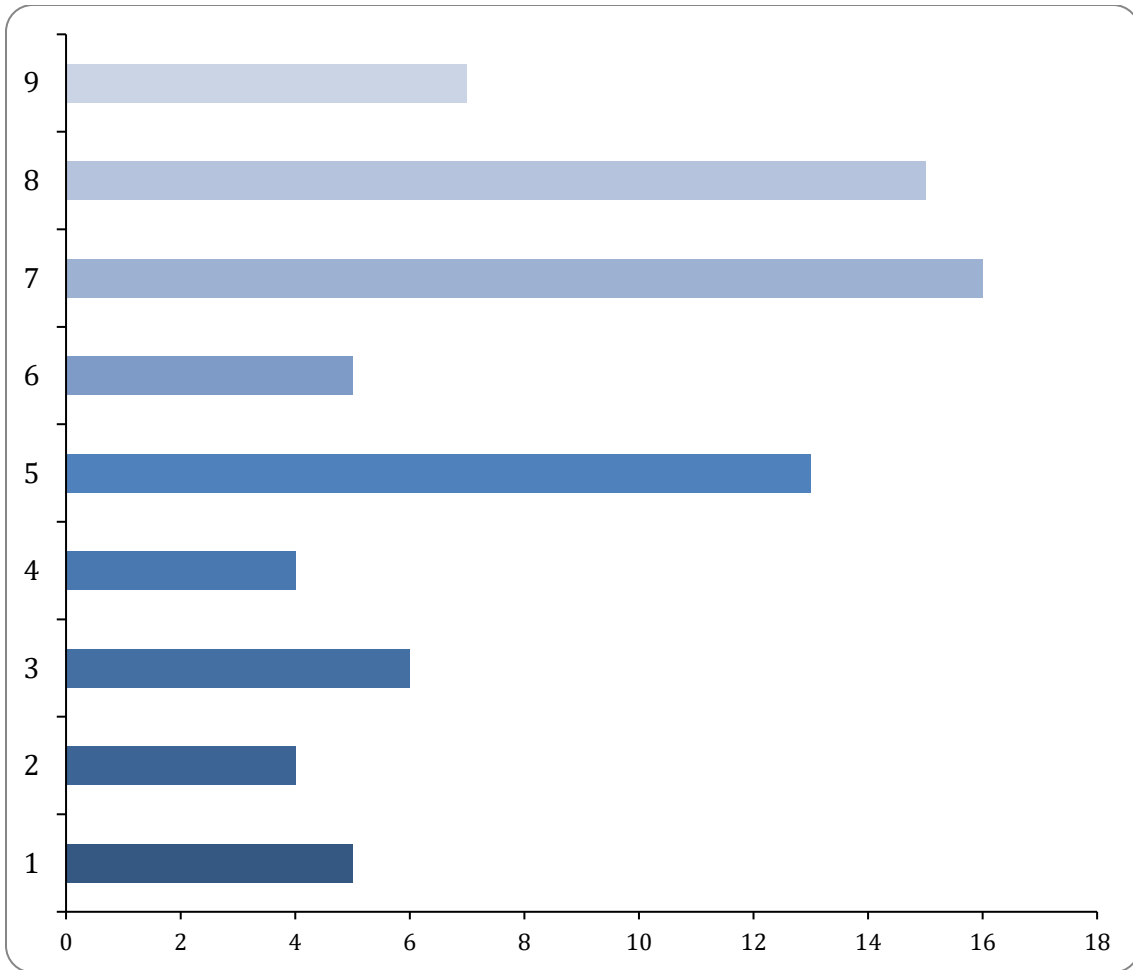
There were 17 responses to this part of the question.

5: On a scale of 1-10, how safe do you feel if you are in Ashby town centre at night? ('10' being very safe and '1' not feeling safe at all.)

Night time economy

There were 75 responses to this part of the question.

Appendix 2 - North West Leicestershire



Option	Total	Percent
10	0	0.00%
9	7	9.33%
8	15	20.00%
7	16	21.33%
6	5	6.67%
5	13	17.33%
4	4	5.33%
3	6	8.00%
2	4	5.33%
1	5	6.67%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

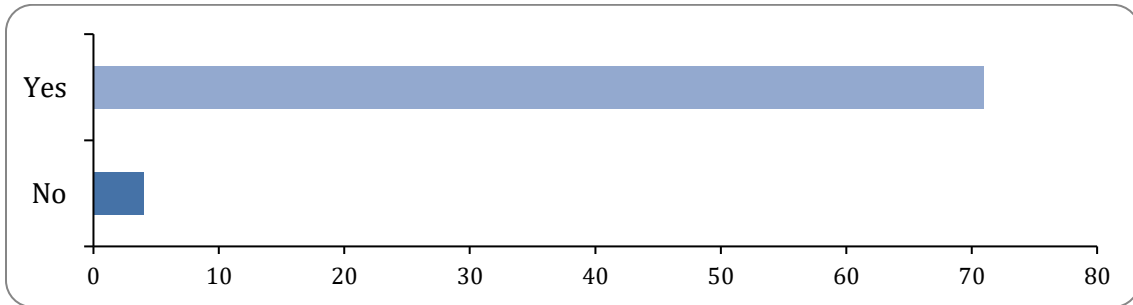
Comments

There were 23 responses to this part of the question.

6: Would you support the council introducing a PSPO to be able to enforce against any (or potential) anti-social behaviour involving drinking alcohol in public spaces in Ashby town centre?

Support of Alcohol prohibition

There were 75 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	71	94.67%
No	4	5.33%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

Comments

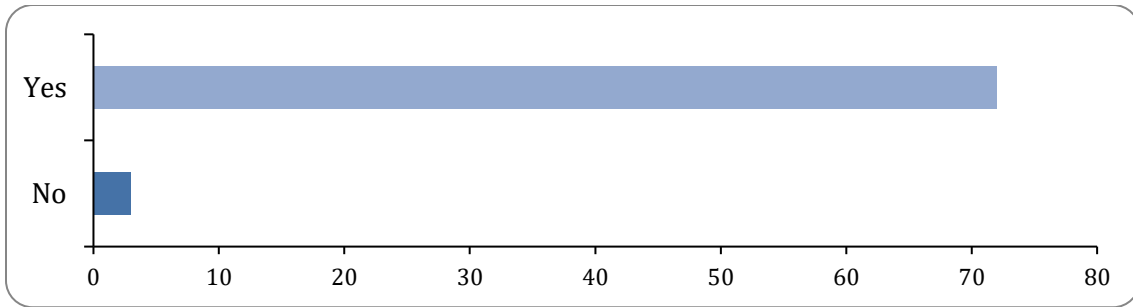
There were 15 responses to this part of the question.

7: Would you support the council introducing a PSPO to be able to enforce against any (or potential) anti-social behaviour involving psychoactive substances (an example of this is nitrous oxide) in public spaces in Ashby town centre?

Support of Psychoactive prohibition

There were 75 responses to this part of the question.

Appendix 2 - North West Leicestershire



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	72	96.00%
No	3	4.00%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

Comments

There were 9 responses to this part of the question.

8: Do you have any further comments that you would like to make about anti-social behaviour or crime that impacts generally upon Ashby town centre (please note, this is for information only and any specific or personal incidents that require investigation will need to be reported through the appropriate channels).

Comments

There were 31 responses to this part of the question.

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Appendix 3 Consultee Comments

In the last 12 months have you witnessed anti-social behaviour in any public spaces of Ashby town centre (including Hood Park and Bath Grounds). If yes, what type of anti-social behaviour was this? - Comments

Alcohol induced fighting and antisocial behaviour in the streets. The amount of sick on Market Street floors last night was appalling.

Bath Grounds was a regular hang out throughout the summer for youths drinking alcohol and smoking cannabis. Most evenings this occurred during our evening dog walk. Large amounts of litter was left. Highfields Park also attracted street drinkers and cannabis smoking especially on Friday evenings.

bullying of another teenager

Car meet ups in the Co-Op Car Park.

Crowds gathering in Market Street last June after an England football match

Disorder at night in Market Street throwing fireworks at police

Dog fouling

Drug taking in lamb passage associated with lamb Inn, especially on Thursday night. Youths using nitrous oxide and smoking cannabis at the benches on South street. Children as young as 10 picking cigarette ends off the floor outside pubs and smoking. All the same group!!

Drunk people in Market St

Drivers using excessive speed in residential areas of Ashby. Traffic calming is required on Nottingham Rd!

Fireworks in Bath Grounds

Fly-tipping on Corkscrew Lane and takeaway litter and cans in Bath Grounds.

Found drug glass bottles on floor on Nottingham road (🚫) by the school

Gangs of kids smoking weed and damaging property.

Group of teens in bathgrounds using laughing gas in broad daylight, there were even children playing football close by

Hood park area by dug outs on east side and steel roller on northern perimeter.

It's every where you turn in Ashby. Hood park, market street and bath grounds aren't enough. What about the field opposite the bath grounds which leads to back of castle and tennis club. Then there is the jitty way from bath grounds onto Pennines way. It doesn't just stop at those sites, they find anywhere even behind the bungalows on Wilfred Place. I fear more police and extend the proposal to all of Ashby including the estates

Kids drinking and smoking weed , hood park

Late night noisy meetings on the skate park that go on until 3am.

Lots of foul language and sometimes loud music.

House near us seems to be a local drug dealer. Police have been several times but the dealing goes on.

Mainly in Hood Park

Market Street behaviour during football matches in the summer was disgraceful and felt threatening. Bath grounds regularly smell very fruity when walking the dog in the evening.....

My daughter was followed home by an unknown individual recently. Incident reported to police

My experience has all been in relation to kids within the ages of 14-18 hanging around hood park, drinking, smoking and generally misbehaving. If there were deterred from doing so and perhaps given facilities that encouraged ambition this could be prevented.

None

Party in the gardens of the derelict Royal,Hotel/Bath Grounds

People wandering drunk across the high street Friday and Saturday nights.

Shouting and screaming on wood street on weekends at kicking out time. Cars revving and speeding every day up wood street. It's crazy there haven't been more accidents.

Shouting, screaming and singing during the night and numerous examples of rubbish lying around during and afterwards in parks and on pavements. Inconsiderate and dangerous parking and dreadful speeding particularly in Leicester road.

-Summer Football Hooligans in Town Centre from Main Street Pubs

-Youths (mainly Aged 10-18) using Hood Park discard lots of plastic bottles / Litter onto and around the Skate Park. Broken Glass also involved. Local Residents pick up debris on many occasions because of danger to Dogs and children

- Youth aged 11-13 pushing over a Bollard near to the Childrens Playground/Car Park in Hood Park. Reported to Reception at Leisure Centre

- Ash Tree Road Electricity Sub-Station had Graffiti painted on it

- Several Ash Tree Road Residents recently had youths knocking on doors around 7-9pm and running away, for a couple of weeks

We witnessed a drug handover in the Bath Grounds during the day (which we reported immediately) and often see drunken youngsters hanging about both there and in the fields opposite. Litter is an ongoing issue everywhere in Ashby.

To what extent has the anti-social behaviour in Ashby town centre (including Hood Park and Bath Grounds) affected you? – Comments

As above, people being aggressive in the streets in fights between themselves and sick on the pavement

Front window pane broken on house

I am very rarely in Ashby at night and wouldn't go into places like the Bath Grounds at night

I am cautious when I take the children out to parks etc

I do not go into town during the evenings at the weekends in particular

I don't really use the town centre much at night.

I have not been directly impacted, but I have friends who have.

I live next to the Co-Op Car Park.

Made me want to go less

Mainly littering

Makes me feel uncomfortable when I'm alone or with my kids

Mainly noise Nuisance

Not nice to hear. But even the footballers swear a lot

Now the clicks have changed my life is restricted, my elderly neighbors feel the same

Only when visiting friends who live close to the town centre. We experienced noise in their garden from music being played in the adjacent field near Ashby Castle.

refrain from visiting town centre on an evening

The Bath Grounds seem to be a regular evening haunt for smoking drugs and who know what else. Litter left during long summer evenings demonstrated that a messy minority of the youth have little respect for the facility with masses of litter, bottles, cans, takeaway food containers and wrappers left on the grass, even when not far from the various bins - as seen on early morning dog walks.

The speeding and loud exhausts do not appear to be policed.

Thought about moving.

Totally unacceptable and afraid to go into Ashby town centre on a Friday or Saturday night

Very nervous when walking dog because you can't say anything as you don't know what you are going to get in return and I am talking about physical abuse

We live on an arterial road just outside Ashby town centre and litter, drunken shouting and sometimes people falling into the road occurs

Would not go after dark.

Wouldn't walk in the dark the shortest route into town centre from home

On a scale of 1-10, how safe do you feel if you are in Ashby town centre at night? ('10' being very safe and '1' not feeling safe at all.) - Comments

All of my answers to above. Regardless of age there are no manners from male or female

Ashby is dangerous at night time. I wouldn't go on my own. There's so much anti social behaviour. People can't behave themselves.

being gay ashby isnt safe

But it's from Ashby through to my home on Marlborough Way too.

Even those people are sometimes fighting they seem localised between themselves with general the police station disappeared, I wouldn't contemplate it now.

I used to go out socially at night but not anymore

I walk home in the early hours most days but since the end of the first lock down the anti social behaviour has definitely increased making it a concern

I was born in Ashby, unfortunately it is no longer a pleasant place to be on many weekend evenings and I avoid the centre

I wouldn't chose to be in Ashby late at night

I wouldn't plan a night out in Ashby, it has a BAD reputation

I'm rarely there at the weekend, but during the week it's quiet

It does not feel safe for females alone in the dark.

Lighting, the street lights are very dim

Market street has alot of violence when people leave bars

Not nice at night

Reasonably safe but think the lack of police station is an issue as people think nothing will happen if they carry out ASB. Police presence helps make you feel safer.

Safer than most other towns

The attacks respect outside of this.

Friday and Saturday night you can witness appalling behaviour. Worse than inner cities High police presence makes me feel safe.

I feel much less safe walking across bath grounds at night than high street area

I have rarely felt unsafe in Ashby at any time of day, especially compared to other places' nighttime economies.

I used to feel quite safe walking through Ashby in the dark on my own, but as the town has grown and on women recently makes it unlikely I would go out into Ashby town centre at night. Heard a number of anecdotal stories of women being verbally abused by drunk groups of young men.

The jitties always feel a bit creepy at night. In fact as soon as darkness falls.

The police seem somewhere else. Also Ashby on the weekends seems to be taken over by idiots from elsewhere- apart from the Tap at 76 and Zamanis (cocktails) I wouldn't drink anywhere else There should be a greater police presence in Ashby at weekends after 10:30pm

Too many Pubs/Restaurants serving alcohol

Try to stay out of town at night especially weekends which is a shame as I would like to support local pubs and restaurants

Wary of drunken violence and abusive language

We often avoid the town at night as a result.

While I feel safe as a middle aged male my partner said she would not dog walk at night time. Turning street lighting off from midnight is a bad move.

Would you support the council introducing a PSPO to be able to enforce against any (or potential) anti-social behaviour involving drinking alcohol in public spaces in Ashby town centre? – Comments

Absolutely. People should not be worried about it unless they are likely to be the cause of concern.

Any steps to control this behaviour would be welcome. Police need to be able to deal with trouble immediately

But needs to be enforced on the other parks such as Westfields which aren't included in this as alcohol and anti social behaviour happens here

But off putting you need one

But will this move the problem to elsewhere in the town ? Surely a better option is feet on the ground and beat officers.

Definitely

Enlarge the area to include Nottingham road

I 100% support this. I'm amazed that this even needs to be a thing anyway - surely some rights should exist already for the Police?

I feel the current laws available to the police regarding anti social behaviour and other criminality are sufficient. People should be able to enjoy open spaces responsibly and that includes late nights and while drinking.

I live within the proposed area and feel it could be used unfairly against residents. I have no garden so the nearest place to have a drink outside in the sunshine with friends is the bath grounds. I would worry that the rules could be unfair on the local residents inside this area when often the cause is not the local residents

I would also support a Police presence in Ashby.....

If it makes it safe for me to go into Ashby for an evening meal it will be worth while

Keep in place permanently!

Much safer place in lockdown for me personally

Need to re educate the minority

No details of how the order would be enforced or by whom

Plus making parents be more responsible for their young people. I'd be mortified if it were my kids

See previous comments and also suggest that a street clean fine is introduced and enforced for the officers associated with: littering, cigarette stubs, sick etc

Thought we already had rules to stop people taking drinks onto the pavement areas

Very much needed especially as people relax after the lifting of Covid restrictions.

We seem to be an entertainment hub. I think it is necessary to police it better.

Will definitely deter people and hopefully stop those kind of people ruining our town

Would you support the council introducing a PSPO to be able to enforce against any (or potential) anti-social behaviour involving psychoactive substances (an example of this is nitrous oxide) in public spaces in Ashby town centre? – Comments

Absolutely. 100%.

As above

but also other open spaces

Definitely

I feel the law is sufficient without a blunt instrument like this proposal.

Long overdue, skate park is a disgrace and the new work out frames attract wronguns

More powers the better

No details of how the order would be enforced or by whom

Really! Is it that bad

See above number 6

stop the sale of substances and underage supply of alcohol

Do you have any further comments that you would like to make about anti-social behaviour or crime that impacts generally upon Ashby town centre (please note, this is for information only and any specific or personal incidents that require investigation will need to be reported through the appropriate channels). - Comments

A few comments:

1. Pub and nightclub owners need to take greater responsibility for the behaviour and drug/alcohol consumption on their premises. Restricted alcohol consumption is clearly a conflict of interest with their business model.
2. Antisocial behaviour monitoring and enforcement should also include noise cause by shouting and vehicles (with adapted exhausts). The current security cameras do not capture sound - if they did, car registrations could be taken (automatically?) and owners followed up where excessive noise is made.
3. We recently had one of our front windows smashed. The CCTV was not able to pick this incident up. How do we get this improved?
4. Late night licenses seem to be frequently given to extend hours to 3 or 4 am. Is there public consensus on how late the night time economy should continue? These hours seem excessive for a small market town.
5. Litter, vomit and urine in the street is a continuing problem. As a start, can takeaways be mandated to supply only containers containing zero plastic - these are now widely available.

A small entitle minority seem intent on spoiling it for all, if they can be effectively dealt with / educated it will me a much better place for all.

As I live right in town centre itself (Claridge Place) the only time I see any police is approx 3am when they drive by my kitchen window which overlooks North Street. They are nowhere to be seen during the evening or when people are causing noise and disruption after leaving the pubs and later on the clubs. As a single woman that lives alone and surrounded by elderly people I myself have had to go out on several occasions and tell them to go away. I'm sure people do not realise that people actually live here. If it was on a residential street further away from town there would be uproar. Just because I live in town centre doesn't mean that I'm not entitled to some peace at 1,2 +3am. An the amount of smashed bottles and glasses left on pavement is horrendous and that's after the street cleaners have been.

Ashby during the day is a very nice place. During the night, particularly weekends, it has an underlying punchiness. I'd feel safer in a big city. Strange but true.

Ashby has a terrible reputation and that is down to the pubs and clubs, this behaviour has been allowed to develop over a long period of time. The licensing laws need to be changed, early closing to discourage poor behaviour and those that enjoy that type of entertainment. For that reason I don't visit in the evenings.

Ashby is a lovely market town during the day but at night it changes its character and becomes violent and abusive.

Please do anything you can to change this so that decent law abiding citizens can enjoy the facilities without fearing verbal abuse and violence. The police do their best but they need more powers.

Ashby used to be a very pleasant place to live and work. It seems increasingly to be attracting undesirables and their associated behaviour.

Beautiful town that has lovely public areas being ruined by ASB. Gas canisters and discarded marijuana cigarettes are a common sight

Concerned that activity may just move to open spaces outside of the zone, eg housing estate parks.

Double yellow parking on both sides of road at top of Market Street (both on road and sitting on pavement). Extra parking bays were introduced to resolve issue outside takeaways but the situation has simply got worse with only space for single lane traffic to get through. I even had a police car sit an allow me though recently. This is anti-social behaviour as people are having no respect for parking regulations. One day there will be an accident.

I have made comments in each box above. Most importantly is that the officers should be respected and respect comes with enforceable power against all street crimes and littering as set out!

I have plenty to say about the anti social behaviour from children, youths, adults, male and female but I don't think it is appropriate for this forum

I haven't seen any anti social behaviour but I have seen empty canisters around littering the floor. I think that the proposed PSPO is a good idea as I am sure that people are affected by anti social behaviour and it would particularly help anyone who lives nearby to the proposed public areas.

I love living in Ashby but do feel that things have worsened considerably recently and would very much welcome any additional policing measures. As a resident of Prior Park Road we have invested in CCTV cameras and have to keep our gates locked due to concerns about inebriated and opportunistic people looking for trouble late at night.

I think that St.Helens church and a bit more of Market/Wood Street should be included in the prohibition area.

I think there's been a systematic cut to youth services and service generally which mean some people feel they have nothing to do and nowhere to go, which may be contributing.

I thought that the centre of Ashby was already covered by an order that prohibited drinking alcohol on the streets so not sure why this new order is required - or even if the new order would dilute that as it appears to say that people would be able to drink on the street? I'd assumed that substances such as Khat would already be able to be seized as I understood that had become illegal to possess in 2014 so again not sure why this new order would be needed? So I'm a bit confused by the whole

thing - what would probably be more effective is a more consistent presence to deter antisocial behaviour in the first place (not that I'd say Ashby has a big problem with this - it's more that with having lost the police station some years back it'd be nice to feel that if a presence was needed it could be provided locally and in a timely manner. I'd say that generally Ashby does feel a safe town but there seems to be a 'drinking culture' that exists weekend evenings and for me that changes the feel and makes me a bit reluctant to go out in Ashby on a Friday or Saturday night when I see it as more of a 'young peoples' place

I would like the ability for pubs and bars to be able to have an outside space on the pavement to drink during the summer months, roped off from the general public. I realise not all places would be able to do this but I think it's what Ashby is lacking, a continental type vibe

More enforcement required for littering as well

I would like to see the area of the order extended up to and including Marlborough Way, Stowe close, the flats on Marlborough Way. The debris and night, early hours disturbances are frightening.

The alley ways from Ashby-de-la-Zouch to the area stated are a no go zone and used by drug dealers. The use of electric scooters by unsavoury people is on the increase.

In addition to anti social behaviour there is far too much attempted, and actual, theft or property damage particularly during the night.

In general I find Ashby a welcoming place. Even at night i have rarely felt threatened by anti social behaviour. I think that the laws available are sufficient and perhaps the levels of policing in the town are the problem, not the tools available for them to tackle any issues. I also think the boundary drawn up will simply push any perceived problems to another area nearby, Ashby is not short of open spaces like St Helens or parks not inside the boundary.

It is a very peaceful place on the whole. I still very much enjoy living here.

it is not just the town centre, I live on Hastings Park and the drinking and drugs has now moved from the town centre to this estate especially the large walkway from Flora Grove to Leicester Road.

weekend mornings is usually taken up with picking beer bottles up along with the broken glass.

It would be beneficial to be able to report incidences in an easy manner. 101 is very complex and long winded as there are too many stages in the reporting process. I have given up once when reporting an incident.

It would be great to have a youth club or somewhere kids could go. Without having to congregate outdoors in groups. I also strongly feel local schools should encourage bright coats or reflective clothing in winter as it's hard to see the kids in the dark nights yet Ivanhoe enforces black coats as their uniform.

It's one thing to introduce regulations, but regulations require enforcement. I don't ever see any police or council workers in Ashby, watching out for criminal or antisocial behaviour, so unless resources will be put in place, any new regulations will be a waste of time. Is the council relying upon members of the public to report every incident, and who will respond to such a report. Good Intentions but hardly workable.

Just hope that if the proposed restrictions are to become law then they will be vigorously enforced and not subject to WOKE pressures

Kids break into the all weather football pitches and cause damage to the fencing. Noise, language etc are the problems.

Laws already exist to control anti social behaviour and they should be used and enforced with the appropriate level of policing. Building an artificial boundary in the town where rules are different will just force anti-social behaviour elsewhere - further into the suburbs and residential areas and parks further out of the town. What is really needed is infrastructure and resources the youth of today can use in the town.

Let's get the Police back on the streets there. Let's get a Police Station back in Ashby. The town and surrounding villages are very poorly served indeed by the region's police force and the result of this is that we are witnessing more and more anti-social behaviour in the area (including Moira, Donisthorpe etc).

Litter is a real problem. NWLDC creates a lot of litter on recycling collection days and does not pick it up. It then gets blown in hedgerows and is not good for the environment.

Make Ashby 20mph from Willesley Road, Nottingham Rd, Smisby Road.

Too many people driving too fast, too many drivers with illegal exhaust pipes...

Nothing is being done

No

Not sure why such a small town can get so lairy. It's like all the trouble makers in the area congregate together. Odd. I've lived in far more dangerous places in the UK than here but it is a shame that the minority can drag an area down by their misdemeanours.

Other open spaces other than town have similar issues

Please can officers sit at wood street anytime between 7 and 11 at night, there are so many super up cars speeding and backfiring

Supermarkets hide behind the 25 age minimum banner for Alcohol sales as check out staff are not all over 25!!!!

This extends further than the town centre. Housing estates, including new builds, are targeted. My fear is you will push this behaviour out to residential areas. More local police patrols and quick response times are needed for the whole of Ashby.

those arrested who are not from Ashby should be banned from the town for 5 years, by a suspended sentence of some standing.

Turning large numbers of street lights off between 12am and 6.30am is a bad move for personal safety and a sense of personal safety.

What evidence is this ordered based on?

Where are the details of how this would work? What are the costs associated with the initial surveys?

Where's the carrot instead of the stick. Who is engaging with these groups or finding them something to do. We all remember being young & trying to find something to do to pass the time that's half interesting & cool at the same time. Who is in charge of finding a solution to community engagement, whether it be sport, youth clubs, teen disco, transport to other activities on nights. Challenge the or incentivise the kids, not challenge the poor PSPO to deal with it. They need support to take on such a feat.

Why and what reason is the total boundary area of Ivanhoe College been included- I am not aware of issues there currently?

Comments taken from the NWLDC social media page

please....and make it permanently

Confiscate all the idiots that should be a good place to start.

Do it!

Stocks ?

its been highlighted for years and nothing is done. By the time the police arrive, if at all, the issue has moved on.

On another note, as explained previously, when the 'no drinking' order was first implemented the police were confiscating alcohol!!!

I thought that Police came from Loughborough LPU on a weekend now not Coalville anymore is this true? If so the proposal is not practicable - you would only be able to make token interventions - if there are Coppers in Ashby High-street every night i welcome it however i fear this isn't so - a reply to my question would be nice

Even better make it an exclusion zone.

The police were doing this 25 years ago when the ban on drinking alcohol outside was introduced. We had our booze taken off us on the bathgrounds on a couple of occasions.

It does requires there to be a police presence in the first place though!!!

Get police back on the street, that's the only way to cut crime and makes socialising safer

Could reduce ? Where's the figures ? How about find a way to re-introduce a police presence in Ashby ? [Leicestershire Police](#) .

Maybe you could use the money you are planning to take off businesses to introduce the business plan to provide police coverage.

A Wall, build a Wall to keep them out

Does that presuppose the sufficient police numbers and any police presence is a real deterrent?

What about Coalville??

Why just Ashby?

Other

From: Vince Mott <vincelm13@gmail.com>
Sent: 19 December 2021 11:48
To: SIMON BODEN <simon.boden@nwleicestershire.gov.uk>
Subject: EXTERNAL: ASHBY PSPO PROPOSAL

Hi Simon,

My apologies for not getting back within the deadline but the Friends have had some changes recently as a number of committee members have stood down, including the Chairman. We have a meeting on Monday 20 December and hope that we may be able to continue in some form or other.

We would fully support a PSPO and am just sorry that we were not able to respond before the deadline.

Best regards,

Vince Mott
Secretary
Friends of Ashby Bath Grounds

From: Muldoon Richard <Richard.Muldoon@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk>
Sent: 22 December 2021 12:24
To: SIMON BODEN <simon.boden@nwleicestershire.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: EXTERNAL: FW: Ticket: EFBF8C2616116 Re: FAO Simon Cole - PSPO proposal - NWLDC,Ashby De La Zouch

Hi Simon,

That's great, I thought as much, but wanted to double check.

I'll pen something back in reply, we are clearly supportive of it & I'll write something up accordingly.

Cheers

Rich

From: Gurjit Samra-Rai <Gurjit.Samra-Rai@leics.gov.uk>
Sent: 10 February 2022 22:53
To: SIMON BODEN <simon.boden@nwleicestershire.gov.uk>
Cc: Charlotte Keedwell <Charlotte.Keedwell@leics.gov.uk>; PAUL COLLETT <PAUL.COLLETT@nwleicestershire.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: EXTERNAL: RE: PSPO proposal - NWLDC, Ashby De La Zouch

Thanks Simon,

Apologies - I have absolutely no idea why I called you Richard!

With that, or similar inclusion regarding young people, I'm happy to support the PSPO.

Thanks and best wishes

Gurjit

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Cc: PAUL COLLETT <PAUL.COLLETT@nwleicestershire.gov.uk>; CHARLOTTE KEEDWELL <CHARLOTTE.KEEDWELL@NWLeicestershire.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: EXTERNAL: RE: PSPO proposal - NWLDC, Ashby De La Zouch

Thank you Gurjit,

It would be separate, particularly around alcohol. If young people were drinking in a public area then there is already legislation in the Young Persons Act 97 (Confiscation of Alcohol) that would be more relevant.

We would expect enforcing officers to make appropriate referrals if they found under 18's in possession of alcohol or psychoactive substances rather than going through enforcement. Although confiscation under the PSPO may still be used as an on-the-spot tool – for example nitrous oxide against young people.

It is absolutely a fair point though, perhaps we should include having as practice that anyone under 18 who has items taken off them should be automatically referred to youth JAG. I will speak with Paul about this.

Simon (not Richard)

From: Gurjit Samra-Rai <Gurjit.Samra-Rai@leics.gov.uk>

Sent: 10 February 2022 15:31

To: SIMON BODEN <simon.boden@nwleicestershire.gov.uk>

Cc: CHARLOTTE KEEDWELL <CHARLOTTE.KEEDWELL@NWLeicestershire.gov.uk>

Subject: EXTERNAL: RE: PSPO proposal - NWLDC, Ashby De La Zouch

Hi Richard,

Thanks for the information.

I have one query: I noted in the consultation that “youth related ASB” was identified as an issue; does the public place drinking relate to young people or is it separate? I’m just mindful that we will need to look at how we support vulnerable young people who often present as “causing trouble”.

Thanks and best wishes

Gurjit

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Appendix 4 - Supporting Data and Information

Crime figures for Ashby (taken from police.co.uk) in the approximate location of the restricted area show relatively low levels of crime in comparison to other towns of a similar size:

	Recorded crime in Ashby	
	Sept 2019 – Aug 2020	Sept 2020 – Aug 2021
Public Order	23	44
Violence & Sexual Offences	81	117
Burglary	8	5
Other Crime	89	59
Other Theft	11	7
Vehicle Crime	1	1
Criminal Damage & Arson	22	16
ASB	57	19
Shoplifting	5	2
Drugs	10	1

Town Centre

Ashby Street Pastors remain impartial on whether a PSPO is introduced. However, they have provided their own statistics that they have collated over the last 2 years from patrolling on Saturday nights in an around the restricted area. They have kept a tally on alcohol related behaviour in the form of discarded glasses, beer bottles, and broken glass. They also tally the amount of people they encounter drinking on the street outside of the curtilage of licensed premises.

Year	Number of Patrols	Bottles (discarded)	Glasses (discarded)	Broken Glass	On Street Drinking
2020	28	55	24	8	13
2021 (to 18 th Dec)	32	109	59	13	35

The European Football Championships in 2021 saw high levels of alcohol related disruption in Ashby. With a football World Cup starting in November 2022 and a further European Championship starting in June 2024, the PSPO will be beneficial as part of the planning and policing of these events as a quick and easy early intervention tool to prevent any escalation in alcohol related public disorder within the restricted area.

Town Centre – Consultation Comments

Drug taking in lamb passage associated with lamb Inn, especially on Thursday night. Youths using nitrous oxide and smoking cannabis at the benches on South street.

Summer Football Hooligans in Town Centre from Main Street Pubs

Market Street behaviour during football matches in the summer was disgraceful and felt threatening.

An the amount of smashed bottles and glasses left on pavement is horrendous and that's after the street cleaners have been

The alley ways from Ashby-de-la-Zouch to the area stated are a no go zone and used by drug dealers.

weekend mornings is usually taken up with picking beer bottles up along with the broken glass

Bath Grounds and Hood Park

Figures taken from the Police Storm Incidents/Niche Reports show that there are relatively low-level reporting to the police of incidents in the Parks. Most reports are youth based anti-social behaviour along with incidents attributed to alcohol and substance misuse.

Incidents/Reports	Bath Grounds	Hood Park
1 st Sept 19 – 31 st Aug 20	38	45
1 st Sept 20 – 31 st Aug 21	11	20



The two parks in the restricted area are maintained by the Town Council. Grounds maintenance staff have reported that they are picking up nitrous oxide capsules on a regular basis each week. They have also reported finding larger gas cannisters, that would commonly be used for inhaling - an example of this is the five canisters collected at Hood Park by the play area on week commencing 6th December 2021.

The Head Groundsman for the Town Council comments *“During the past 18 months we have seen a massive rise in the usage of small gas canisters particularly within Hood Park and the Bath Grounds.*

In the summer months we have seen an even bigger increase where we are collecting on average 20 -30 small canisters per day at the two main open spaces.

The team works very hard to ensure the grounds are very well litter picked, ensuring all the small canisters are collected up.

These small canisters are a health and safety nightmare and staff have to remain on their guard when they are mowing and strimming as these are lethal and fly like bullets if they are caught by the blades of our equipment.

One day they will cause a serious injury either to one of our team or an innocent member of the public who happens to be passing.

There is also a knock-on effect to our equipment with blades having to be replaced due to the damage they cause.”

Users of the park have unofficially reported incidents of drug use and finding nitrous oxide canisters. The dug out and skate park area in Hood Park are perceived to be common hotspot areas.

The consultation also highlighted the two parks as areas of concern, comments of which are as below.

Bath Grounds – Consultation Comments

Bath Grounds was a regular hang out throughout the summer for youths drinking alcohol and smoking cannabis. Most evenings this occurred during our evening dog walk. Large amounts of litter was left

Group of teens in bathgrounds using laughing gas in broad daylight, there were even children playing football close by

Bath grounds regularly smell very fruity when walking the dog in the evening.....

Party in the gardens of the derelict Royal,Hotel/Bath Grounds

We witnessed a drug handover in the Bath Grounds during the day

The Bath Grounds seem to be a regular evening haunt for smoking drugs and who know what else.

I feel much less safe walking across bath grounds at night than high street area

Hood Park – Consultation Comments

Kids drinking and smoking weed , hood park

Mainly in Hood Park (ASB)

My experience has all been in relation to kids within the ages of 14-18 hanging around hood park, drinking, smoking and generally misbehaving.

Youths (mainly Aged 10-18) using Hood Park discard lots of plastic bottles / Litter onto and around the Skate Park.

General Comments

It's every where you turn in Ashby. Hood park, market street and bath grounds aren't enough.

Shouting, screaming and singing during the night and numerous examples of rubbish lying around during and afterwards in parks and on pavements.

Gas canisters and discarded marijuana cigarettes are a common sight

I have seen empty canisters around littering the floor.

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NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET – TUESDAY, 1 MARCH 2022



Title of Report	COVID RECOVERY SUPPORT CONTRACT FOR HOME IMPROVEMENT WORK	
Presented by	Councillor Roger Bayliss Housing, Property and Customer Services Portfolio Holder.	
Background Papers	None	Public Report: Yes
		Key Decision: Yes
Financial Implications	This procurement will be delivering housing improvement works funded from within the 2022/23 Capital budget.	
	Signed off by the Section 151 Officer: Yes	
Legal Implications	Advice on procurement has been sought from Corporate Procurement and Legal Services.	
	Signed off by the Deputy Monitoring Officer: Yes	
Staffing and Corporate Implications	There are no direct staffing implications. This proposal supports Council Priorities.	
	Signed off by the Head of Paid Service: Yes	
Purpose of Report	To seek cabinet approval for the delegation of authority to the Strategic Director to award the Covid Recovery Support Contract for Home Improvement Work.	
Reason for Decision	The level of expenditure on the proposed contract exceeds the authority level in the Scheme of delegation.	
Recommendations	THAT CABINET: APPROVES THE DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR TO AWARD THE COVID RECOVERY SUPPORT CONTRACT FOR HOME IMPROVEMENT WORK IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SECTION 151 OFFICER AND PORTFOLIO HOLDER	

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Housing Improvement Programme (HIP) delivers an annual programme of component renewals and improvements to Council homes, which contributes towards ensuring tenants live in Decent high quality affordable home and, in part, reduces the tenants energy usage which also benefits the environment.

- 1.2 Since 2018/19 the Housing Improvement Programme has been wholly undertaken by Housing Commercial Services In-house Repair Team (IRT), All of that work has been undertaken within the IRT establishment with no requirement for a support contract with a sub-contractor.

2.0 ISSUES

- 2.1 Since the start of the Covid pandemic non-emergency work, such as HIP, has been affected by Covid. This has included periodically ceased, modified or delivery impacted by Covid-safe working practices to protect tenants and staff, staff absences of those that are clinically vulnerable or a requirement to self-isolate due to sickness or being a close contact and access issues when tenants report Covid symptoms in the household. Those same issues have affected our materials supply chain, the asbestos surveying company and our own waste services team that remove the waste to complete each job.
- 2.2 As the prolonged length of the Covid pandemic wasn't anticipated at the end of 2020/21, it was agreed to carry forward a total of £2.4m of work to be completed over a number of future years. Consequently, a budget of £800k was carried forward to the HIP budget of £4.5million for the 2021/22 financial year.
- 2.3 The Covid pandemic continued during this financial year and continued to affected the delivery of the Home Improvement Programme. It is not considered desirable or prudent to continue to carry forward slippage of capital improvement works over a number of future years, as that may lead to:
- tenants dissatisfaction with the quality of their homes;
 - more costly reactive repairs before the replacement of components takes place; and
 - increase the number of Council Homes that are non-decent
- 2.4 As the IRT establishment has been established to deliver £4.5m of Home Improvement work next year, and in subsequent years, there are insufficient trades operatives to deliver this delayed improvement work. It is not considered prudent to attempt to recruit a large number of temporary/agency staff to deliver the delayed work as sustained engagement of those workers cannot be guaranteed.
- 2.5 It is therefore proposed to let this "catch up" work to an external contractor as a sub-contract to the IRT.

3.0 PROPOSED PROCUREMENT

- 3.1 It is proposed to award a 1-year, £2.7m contract to a single supplier under Lot 1 of Efficiency East Midlands' EEM0056 Property Improvement Works Framework. The contract will be for a discrete works package requiring the completion of a programme of outstanding 2021/22 HIP improvements before 31 March 2023.
- 3.2 The Framework is a compliant route for the procurement of a suitably competent supplier capable of delivering the required range of single and/or multiple components in tenants' homes whilst also sharing Council values.

- 3.3 Under the Framework rules, the award of a call-off contract to a supplier may be either be on the basis of the supplier's number one ranking or following a mini-competition.
- 3.4 During the contract period, the supplier will act as subcontractor to the IRT, with the IRT managers providing the contract management resource on behalf of the Housing Commercial Services team within the Housing Service.
- 3.5 This report seeks delegated authority for the Strategic Director, in consultation with the Portfolio holder and Section 151 officer, to award this contract from the proposed framework.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The estimated value of the project is £2,700,000. Funding for the works will be from the underspend within the 2021/22 HIP budget previously allocated to undertake said works.

Policies and other considerations, as appropriate	
Council Priorities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support for businesses and helping people into local jobs - Developing a clean and green district - Local people live in high quality affordable homes
Policy Considerations:	Contract Procurement Rules within Constitution
Safeguarding:	Suppliers will be required to follow the Council's Safeguarding Policy and procedures.
Equalities/Diversity:	No direct implications identified
Customer Impact:	Delivery of the works will improve the energy efficiency of tenants' homes, improving the comfort of their living space whilst also reducing their fuel bills.
Economic and Social Impact:	Reduced fuel bills for tenants provides an opportunity to spend more money on other essentials such as an improved diet and the prospect of better health.
Environment and Climate Change:	The identified works will contribute to local and National initiatives towards a carbon net zero economy.
Consultation/Community Engagement:	None identified.
Risks:	All risks have been mitigated by officers.
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