

Scrutiny Report



Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

Part 1

Date: 20 September 2018

Subject Pillgwenlly Public Spaces Protection Order) PSPO – Implementation Monitoring

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The following people have been invited to attend for this item:

Invitee:	Area / Role / Subject
Jonathan Keen	Regulatory Services Manager: Environment and Community
Jason Williams	Inspector - Gwent Police
Tracey Holyoake	Pillgwenlly Ward Councillor - Newport City Council

Section A – Committee Guidance and Recommendations

1 Recommendations to the Committee

The Committee is asked to:

1. Receive a brief introduction from the Pill ward Councillor and local Community representatives on the current issues in Pill;
2. Consider the opinions and evidence from the Gwent Police representatives and Council Officers on the effectiveness of the current PSPO;
3. Decide whether to provide the Cabinet Member with comments and/ or recommendations regarding the effectiveness of the implementation of the Pill PSPO.

2 Context

Background

- 2.1 Public Space Protection Orders were new measures brought in 2014 to allow Councils to control anti-social behaviour in a particular public location. They were designed to prevent individuals or groups committing anti-social behaviour where that behaviour was persistent and unreasonable and was having, or were likely to have, a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality.

Previous consideration of this item

- 2.2 The Streetscene, Regeneration and Safety (SSRS) Scrutiny Committee received a report at its meeting on 13 October 2016, to consider a proposal for the introduction of a PSPO for the Pillgwenlly Ward of Newport. The full report presented to the Committee can be found on the Council's Website within the agenda of the SSRS Committee meeting (Link to agenda / minutes).

This report was evidence from the Council and Gwent Police. At this meeting the Committee accepted the Consultation strategy and the border boundary for the PSPO.

- 2.3 At the SSRS meeting, dated 16 March (Link to agenda / minutes), the Committee received the consultation results for consideration. The Committee at this meeting concluded and recommended to Council that the PSPO is proceed with, as per the draft Order and boundary map. The Committee also requested that the implementation of the PSPO is reported back to this Committee within one year following its approval.

3 Information Submitted to the Committee

- 3.1 The Committee have been provided with a report on the implementation of the Pill PSPO, the report includes the background of why a PSPO in Pill was needed, the implementation and enforcement during the first year, and the challenges implementation and enforcement has faced. (**Appendix 1**).

4. Suggested Areas of Focus

Role of the Committee

The role of the Committee in considering the report is to:

- Seek feedback from ward Councillors on any issues in Pill and how the PSPO has impacted on the area since its implementation;
- Establish whether there is evidence of any issues with the current PSPO and its impact on Pill;
- Is there evidence that the existing restrictions have been effective at tackling any of the antisocial behaviour it was set up to address;
- Decide whether the Committee wishes to make comment and/ or recommendations to the Cabinet Member regarding the effectiveness of the Pill PSPO.

Suggested Lines of Enquiry

- 4.1 In evaluating the implementation and enforcement of the Pill PSPO, the Committee may wish to consider:
- What impact has the PSPO had on Pill?
 - Was there a decrease in crime during the implementation of the PSPO?
 - Do all invitees (Police, Community Rep, Officer and Ward Councillor) paint the same picture of the progress in Pill? If not why?
 - Are there any outstanding issues that the PSPO is unable to deal with?

- In the report the Police identify groups congregating, dispersing and potentially congregating as an issue. What options are available to overcoming this problem?

Section B – Supporting Information

5 Links to Council Policies and Priorities

- The report aims to set out the impact the implementation and enforcement of the PSPO has had on the Pill community, this works towards the Corporate Plan commitment to *Resilient Communities*:

Well-being Objectives	Promote economic growth and regeneration whilst protecting the environment	Improve skills, educational outcomes & employment opportunities	Enable people to be healthy, independent & resilient	Build cohesive & sustainable communities
Corporate Plan Commitments	Thriving City	Aspirational People		Resilient Communities
Supporting Function	Modernised Council			

6 Wellbeing of Future Generation (Wales) Act

6.1 General questions

- How is this area / policy affected by the new legislation?
- How will this decision / policy / proposal impact upon future generations? What is the long term impact?
- What evidence is provided to demonstrate WFGA has been / is being considered?
- Evidence from Community Profiles / other data?
- Evidence of links to Wellbeing Assessment / Objectives / Plan?

6.2 Wellbeing Goals

- How are the Wellbeing goals reflected in the policy / proposal / action?
 - *A prosperous Wales*
 - *A resilient Wales*
 - *A healthier Wales*
 - *A more equal Wales*
 - *A Wales of cohesive communities*
 - *A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language*
 - *A globally responsible Wales*

6.3 Sustainable Development Principles

- Does the report / proposal demonstrate how as an authority we are working in accordance with the sustainable development principles from the act when planning services?
 - **Long Term**
The importance of balancing short-term needs with the need to safeguard the ability to also meet long-term needs
 - **Prevention**
How acting to prevent problems occurring or getting worse may help public bodies meet their objectives
 - **Integration**
Considering how the public body's well-being objectives may impact upon each of the well-being goals, on their other objectives, or on the objectives of other public bodies
 - **Collaboration**
Acting in collaboration with any other person (or different parts of the body itself) that could help the body to meet its well-being objectives
 - **Involvement**
The importance of involving people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals, and ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area which the body serves.

7. Background Papers

- [The Essentials - Wellbeing of Future Generation Act \(Wales\)](#)
- Corporate Plan 2017- 2022
- [Agenda and Minutes – Streetscene, Regeneration of Safety Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 13 October 2016](#)
- [Agenda and Minutes – Streetscene, Regeneration of Safety Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 16 March 2017](#)

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