

RESTRICTIONS ON ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

PORTFOLIO HOLDER: Councillor Geoff Blackwell
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Summary: Making Castle Park, Whitehaven and the area at Mount Steps at the Beacon and the area abutting Rosemary Lane, Whitehaven “Designated Public Places”.

Recommendation: That subject to no adverse comments being received from consultation the Council give delegated authority to Head of Legal and Democratic Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder to make an Order that Castle Park Whitehaven (including the Mount Steps and the area abutting Rosemary Lane) be “Designated Public Places” for the purposes of the Local Authorities (Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places) Regulations 2001.

Impact on delivering Corporate Plan objectives: Such designation will have a direct effect on the reduction on the fear of crime in the community.

Impact on other statutory objectives (e.g. crime & disorder, LA21): The proposed designations are in line with the Council Section 17 duties.

Financial and human resource implications: None other than staff time.

Project & Risk Management: A set process has been identified for the implementation of such schemes.

Key Decision Status

- **Financial:** NA
- **Ward:** No

Other Ward Implications: No

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Cumbria Police has asked that Castle Park Whitehaven and the area at Mount Steps by the Beacon Whitehaven and the area abutting Rosemary Lane become “Designated Public Places”. This Council is the relevant authority in making such designations.
- 1.2 A newspaper advertisement has been placed in the Whitehaven News on the 23rd March. Cumbria Police have also been formally consulted.

2 RESPONSES

- 2.1 Any responses will be reported directly to Council. The closing date for responses is Friday 21st April 2006, shortly after this meeting.

3 CONCLUSIONS

- 3.1 Cumbria Police have requested designations as a results of problems they have experienced. Subject to there being no adverse comments to the Consultation it is recommended that the Head of Legal and Democratic Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder be given delegated authority to make the designation after the close of the consultation period.

List of Appendices: None

List of Background Documents:
Correspondence with Cumbria Police.

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