

REQUEST FOR DESIGNATION OF PUBLIC PLACE - MILLOM

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: Councillor George Clements – Deputy Leader, Promoting Prosperity

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Summary and Recommendation:	<p>Considers whether to consult on a proposal to make a further Designated Public Places Order for parts of Millom Town Centre.</p> <p>Recommended that formal consultation take place over whether to make these parts of Millom shown on the attached plan a Designated Public Place.</p>
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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Executive has been used over a number of years to the process for making Designated Public Places Orders. The make of such an Order would allow Cumbria Police to require someone to stop drinking alcohol in a public place and/or would allow them to confiscate alcohol. Failure to comply with Cumbria Police would constitute a criminal offence.
- 1.2 Members have in the past become concerned over the piecemeal nature of applications for Orders. As a result of this it has been agreed that all applications would be processed through Cumbria Police once a year. Members last received a similar report at its meeting on 12th June 2007.
- 1.3 At that meeting Members also received representations from Cumbria Police in respect of your concerns over whether the making of such Orders was simply displacing problems elsewhere. Their opinion was that the making of such orders was valuable “tool in the box” and that “when used appropriately it can be very successful”.

2. CUMBRIA POLICE PROPOSAL

- 2.1 Attached at Appendix are papers supplied to the Council through Chief Superintendent McGilloway, and with his support, but prepared by Acting Inspector Wilkinson.
- 2.2 The report cites 136 incidents of disorder, anti-social behaviour criminal damage and violence related in the area of St George’s Park Millom and streets adjacent to the park. A number of those incidents were drink related. In addition, a Community Impact Assessment indicated public support for such an order. Based on this argument Cumbria Police ask for this Council to consider making a Designated Public Place Order.

3. NEXT STEPS

- 3.1 If Members are convinced by the argument put forward, the next step is for formal consultation to take place on the proposal. Approval to an Order would then have to be given by Full Council.

4. FINANCIAL & HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING SOURCES OF FINANCE)

- 4.1 It will be necessary for there to be a public notice in a local newspaper. However the cost can be met through existing budgets. Some administrative time is required to make such an order, but this can be accommodated within existing resources.

5. PROJECT & RISK MANAGEMENT

- 5.1 The process for the making of such an order would be the same as that used for previous Orders.

6. IMPACT ON CORPORATE PLAN

- 6.1 If implemented, a Designation is likely to contribute to the reduction of, or fear of crime (Section 3.2.3).

CHECKLIST FOR DEALING WITH KEY ISSUES

Please confirm against the issue if the key issues below have been addressed. This can be by either a short narrative or quoting the paragraph number in the report in which it has been covered.

Impact on Crime and Disorder	See 7.1
Impact on Sustainability	Not directly applicable
Impact on Rural Proofing	Not directly applicable
Health and Safety Implications	Not directly applicable
Impact on Equality and Diversity Issues	Not directly applicable
Children and Young Persons Implications	These Orders may help reduce alcohol related harm in young people and help reduce negative perceptions of young people.
Human Rights Act Implications	Reduction in Civil Liberties can be justified as proportionate if the action will help to reduce nuisance..
Comments of S.151 Finance Officer	Endorses comments at Section 4 of the report
Comments of Monitoring Officer	Is Report Author

This report will require the making of a key decision. **NO**

Consultees: Corporate Team; Cllr G.Clements

Appendices: A. Plan and Cumbria Police Proposal

List of Background Papers: - None other than shown in Appendix A