

Proposals to Introduce a Public Space Protection Order to Allow St Peters Passage Lincoln to be Gated

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- a. presented the proposal to implement a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to allow the gating of St Peters Passage, Lincoln.
- b. explained the legal conditions of the PSPO as detailed in paragraph 4 of the report.
- c. showed a video highlighting the issues in the passage including drug use and paraphernalia, also the passage was being used as a toilet, smelling particularly strong of urine and also containing faeces.
- d. advised that for a number of years the City of Lincoln Council had received intermittent complaints about the condition of the passage and the number of complaints had increased significantly over the last 12 months.
- e. advised that the passage was unsanitary and posed a health and safety risk to both the Public, Street Cleaning Employees and Partner Agencies that accessed the passage. Additionally the passage did not portray Lincoln as a vibrant and welcoming city.
- f. advised that the proposed PSPO would be put in place for a maximum period of 3 years after which a full review would take place.
- g. referred to paragraph 5 of the report and detailed the consultation that had taken place with both the public and partner agencies and gave an overview of the 27 responses received.
- h. suggested that a review be undertaken with the Service Manager, Assistant Director and Portfolio Holder after 12 months and matters arising would be fed back to Policy Scrutiny Committee.

Question: Expressed concerns over displacement of the issues and asked what were the benefits of gating the passage?

Response: The issues were specific to this passage due to the layout. The gating of the passage would break the cycle of ASB and the task force would be in a better position to tackle the issues.

Question: Would gating this passage set a precedence for gating other passages if the issues were moved?

Response: Most of the other passages in the City would not be able to be gated.

Question: Expressed concerns over the displacement of issues and suggested that CCTV be placed in other passages such as the Glory Hole.

Response: This could be looked into.

RESOLVED that

1. the proposed PSPO permitting the gating of the St Peters Passage be supported and referred to Executive for approval.
2. that a review of the PSPO be brought to Policy Scrutiny Committee in 15 months' time.
3. That Executive consider implementing CCTV at other passages in the City.