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People & Places Advisory Committee

Membership:

Cllrs. Alger, Barnett, Bulford, P. Darrington, Dyball, Edwards-Winsor, Granville, Gustard, Hogarth, Hudson, Manamperi and Morgan

Agenda

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Apologies for Absence		
1. Election of Chairman		
2. Election of Vice Chairman		
3. Minutes To agree the minutes of the meeting of the People & Places Advisory Committee held on 7 February 2023, as a correct record.	(Pages 1 - 6)	
4. Declarations of interest Any interest not already registered.		
5. Actions from Previous Meeting (if any)		
6. Update from Portfolio Holder		
7. Referral from Cabinet or the Audit committee (if any)		
8. Role of the Advisory Committee and Key Challenges	(Pages 7 - 8)	Sarah Robson Tel: 01732227129
9. Public Realm Commission Annual Update	(Pages 9 - 12)	Kelly Webb

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| 10. | Public Spaces Protection Order - The Vine
Proposed Consultation | (Pages 13 - 48) | Kelly Webb
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| 11. | Work Plan | (Pages 49 - 50) | |

EXEMPT INFORMATION

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HOUSING & HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2023 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr. Maskell (Chairman)

Cllr. Harrison (Vice Chairman)

Cllrs. Bonin, Dr. Canet, Penny Cole, Perry Cole, G. Darrington, Edwards-Winser, Esler, and Griffiths

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Bulford and Clack

Cllr. P. Darrington was also present.

79. Minutes

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Advisory Committee held on 22 November 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

80. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

81. Actions from Previous Meetings (if any)

The action was noted.

82. Update from Portfolio Holder

The Portfolio Holder, and Chairman, presented an update on the services within their portfolio. A quarterly Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Forum was launched with partners to prevent and address homelessness. A multi-agency housing hub would be held every month, to support customers with their housing and related needs.

There had been a reduction in the number of residents in temporary or emergency accommodation, from 139 in March 2022 to 100 in December 2022. The Empty Homes Strategy action plan was approved by Cabinet in December 2022, and recruitment had commenced for an Empty Homes Energy Efficiency Officer. This would help residents facing fuel poverty and promote energy savings, and expand the amount of accommodation available.

The Healthy Walks scheme had restarted following the pandemic, and the number of Health Leaders had grown. The Council had achieved the Gold accreditation for the Kent and Medway Health in the Workplace Award. A Health in all workplaces

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policy was being developed to ensure health and wellbeing were prioritised across all Council services.

In response to questions, the Chief Officer for People & Places outlined the support provided to food banks. The Household Support Fund had provided funding to food banks. The HERO team would visit food banks and provide leaflets providing advice and links to support networks.

83. Referrals from Cabinet or the Audit Committee (if any)

There were none.

84. To note minutes of the Health Liaison Board

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Health Liaison Board meeting held 17 January 2023 be noted.

CHANGE IN ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS

The Chairman, with the Committee's agreement, brought forward consideration of agenda item 8 (minute 85) to take place after agenda item 6 (Minute 84).

85. 2023-24 Sevenoaks District Health & Wellbeing Action Plan

The Health Team Leader and Health & Communities Manager presented the report, which set out the Health & Wellbeing Action Plan for 2023/24. This was built on the current Action Plan and feedback from partners and stakeholders regarding the scope and opportunities for collaborative work.

The Action Plan proposed a new population health approach to planning, with an emphasis on reducing health inequalities as well as improving overall health. The three main pillars for this were the wider determinants of health, health behaviours and lifestyle, and places and communities.

In response to questions, they explained that the plan would be updated quarterly, to ensure the actions were meeting needs. The information would also be shared with Town and Parish Councils. Possible guidance for councils and community groups would be examined at the quarterly partnership meetings.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Cabinet that the Health & Wellbeing Action Plan for 2023-24 be approved.

86. Homelessness Review 2022 and draft Homelessness and Rough Sleepers Strategy 2023-2028

The Head of Housing presented the report, which presented the findings of the Homeless review and outlined the Homelessness and Rough Sleepers Strategy for 2023-28. The strategy had identified the need to increase the number of affordable homes in the District to meet the needs of residents. It aimed to

address this through prevention, intervention, and sustainable solutions, delivered alongside partnership organisations.

The consultation process gathered feedback from an online survey, consultation with Members, the new Homeless and Rough Sleeper Strategy forum, and partnership organisations. This process identified several key priorities, including the delivery of more social and affordable housing, promoting the housing options available, the information available to customers, and the importance of involving people with lived experience of homelessness in the strategy.

She outlined some of the steps taken to address these concerns. The Registered Provider Eligibility Criteria had been approved by Cabinet, which would help enable additional social and affordable housing. The Empty Homes Strategy would aim to bring more properties back into use. Face to face support was being provided at the Council Offices and the Swanley Hub, offering a wide range of support for homelessness and other issues, in conjunction with other Council teams and partners. The Landlord Incentive Scheme was being reviewed, and some successes had been had in working with landlords to transition people in temporary accommodation into 6 and 12-month tenancies. The Council was working with the Kent Housing Options Group to review temporary accommodation providers and ensure consistency and competitive rates.

The strategy would be monitored with the support of the Homeless and Rough Sleeping Strategy Forum on a quarterly basis to feed into the annual update to the Committee to ensure the services provided were meeting the changing needs of residents.

Members discussed the affordable housing need for the District. They were advised that the current Core Strategy identified a need of 423 affordable homes per year. The Housing Team was working closely with the Planning Team to promote the delivery of affordable housing in new developments.

Resolved: That

- a) The feedback received from the public consultation be noted; and
- b) It be recommended to Cabinet that the draft Homelessness and Rough Sleepers Strategy be adopted.

87. Application Of Additional Designated Rural Area Status In Relation To Core Strategy Policy SP3

The Housing Strategy Manager presented the report, outlining the additional Designated Rural Area status designations successfully applied for via the Secretary of State, which came into force in December 2022. 17 Parishes were now fully designated as rural areas, and 10 were partially designated.

The Housing Strategy Manager explained that applying these new designations in relation to Core Strategy SP3 would apply the affordable housing obligation on the lower site threshold of 6 to 9 homes within these areas. This would maximise affordable housing contributions from smaller sites, which could then help deliver

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affordable housing in other areas across the District. This would not impact the rural exceptions housing programme.

Members were advised that affordable housing could be provided on Rural Exception Sites within these areas. These sites would have planning constraints and would be delivered for local residents in perpetuity.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Cabinet that the additional Designated Rural Area status conferred by the Housing (Right to Buy) (Designated Rural Areas and Designated Regions) (England) Order 2022, as set out in Appendix A, in relation to Core Strategy Policy SP3 (Provision of Affordable Housing), be approved.

88. Scope for Council's Energy Efficient advice

The Housing Strategy Manager presented the report, which outlined the pilot energy efficiency advice service as proposed by the Committee in November 2022. Further work would be undertaken to create a draft service plan for consideration, including resource and finance implications.

The Committee discussed the potential for a service where officers would visit residents, survey their properties with a thermal imaging camera, and provide advice regarding energy efficiency. This paid service would not detract from the free services provided to households that needed support. The Housing Team were examining methods of signposting energy efficiency frameworks to contractors.

Members discussed the report, with consideration towards the positive relationship between the service and the Council's Net Zero ambitions.

Resolved: That

- a) The details of the scoping report be noted; and
- b) That the continued examination of options and costs/potential income associated with providing an Energy Efficiency Advisory Service to residents be endorsed.

89. Home Straight Project Update

The Housing Strategy Manager presented the report, and updated the Committee on the Home Straight Service. The service was provided as part of the Town and Country Housing Association's Home Improvement and Support Team, and was funded through the Better Care Fund. The service had seen an increase in the number and complexity of cases it dealt with since the pandemic. A dedicated Home Straight Officer was appointed to better address these cases, and had 28 live cases.

The Home Straight Officer worked in partnership with internal and external teams to provide a holistic approach to addressing hoarding. A key element of this was help with life skills, to ensure that properties are maintained once cleaned.

In response to questions, it was explained that referrals could be made by anyone, not just partnership organisations, and that they were tenure-blind. All referrals would be investigated. The Committee discussed the difficulties of changing behaviour. They considered the opportunities for expansion, identifying cases without waiting for referrals, against the limitations of resources.

Resolved: That

- a) The details of the report and the information regarding the Home Straight Service be noted; and
- b) That an update be presented to the Housing & Health Advisory Committee at a future meeting.

90. Work Plan

The Work Plan was noted, with the following additions:

14 June 2023:

- Home Upgrade Grant (HUG) 1 update
- Energy Efficiency project update
- West Kent Housing update

12 September 2023:

- Homes for Ukraine scheme update
- Sevenoaks District Health and Wellbeing Action Plan quarterly update

21 November 2023:

- Sevenoaks District Health and Wellbeing Action Plan quarterly update
- Rough Sleeper Initiative Fund Year 1 update
- Housing Strategy - one year on

23 January 2024:

- Sevenoaks District Health and Wellbeing Action Plan quarterly update

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 9.06 PM

CHAIRMAN

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ROLE OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND KEY CHALLENGES

People & Places Advisory Committee - 20 June 2023

Report of: Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Officer - People and Places

Status: For Information

Key Decision: No

Portfolio Holder: Cllr. Lesley Dyball

Contact Officers: Sarah Robson, Ext. 7129

Recommendation to People & Places Advisory Committee:

That the report be noted.

Introduction and Background

- 1 The purpose of this report is to provide details of the role of the Committee and the areas of responsibility including the key issues and challenges facing those areas.
- 2 The Terms of Reference are listed below and there will be a short presentation explaining the relevant service areas.

Terms of Reference

- 3 The following terms of reference are taken from Appendix R of the Council's Constitution.
- 4 Each Cabinet Advisory Committee shall:
 - (a) undertake policy initiation and development;
 - (b) consider such other matters as are referred to it by the Portfolio Holder;
 - (c) at the request of either Cabinet or the Audit Committee carry out specific research and development projects and to submit recommendations to Cabinet; and

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- (d) develop and approve its annual work plan ensuring that there is efficient use of the Committee's time.
 - (e) The Cabinet Member be requested to provide a report to each meeting outlining their activities since the previous meeting and any decisions they intend to take in the following three months.
- 5 Within the areas of responsibility of: Community Plan, Community Safety, Town Centres, Tourism, West Kent Partnership, WK Leader, Community Grants, Safeguarding, Youth, Parishes, Leisure Activities, Wellbeing.
- 6 The Cabinet Advisory Committees are to ensure that there is mutual respect and co-operation with all other Committees within the Council.

Key Implications

Financial

None.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement

None.

Equality Assessment

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

Net Zero Implications

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the council's ambition to be Net Zero by 2030. There is no perceived impact regarding either an increase or decrease in carbon emissions in the district, or supporting the resilience of the natural environment.

Appendices

None

Background Papers

None

Sarah Robson

Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Officer - People & Places

PUBLIC REALM UPDATE – CLLR RODDY HOGARTH, COMMISSIONER OF THE PUBLIC REALM

People & Places Advisory Committee – 20 June 2023

Report of: Chief Officer People & Places

Status: For Information

Also considered by:

Key Decision: No

Executive Summary: Cllr Roddy Hogarth will be updating Members on the work of the Commissioner for the Public Realm.

This report supports the Key Aim of: Community & Corporate Plan

Portfolio Holder:

Contact Officer(s): Kelly Webb, Ext. 7474

Recommendation to People & Places Advisory Committee

To note the report

Introduction and Background

Introduction and Background

- 1 In early 2020, the Council appointed a Public Realm Commissioner, who will oversee the delivery of a public realm programme for the district. The Public Realm Commission sits within the People and Places portfolio.
- 2 The commission is not decision-making body, but will provide support in an advisory capacity. The commission's role is to:
 - Understand current public spaces across the district and what purpose or uses they serve.
 - Identify what new developments are planned and has the public realm been considered, designed or planned.
 - Understand what makes good public space.
 - Facilitate funding and other philanthropic contributions to enable the delivery of an annual public realm programme.
 - Ensure public art celebrates the particular story of a place and engages with the community in its making.
 - Submit an annual report describing the activities of the previous year.

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3. There will be an advert going out for new volunteers who help to deliver the aims identified, supports the Commissioner. Volunteers assist the Commissioner in the work towards the creation and retention of good quality public space in the district.

Commissioner for the Public Realm

4. End of Term Report

My thanks to Sarah Robson, Kelly Webb and Yulia La-Kruz and the entire Communities Team for their support during my first term as the Public Realm Commissioner.

A Public Realm Panel was also appointed, comprised of 10 volunteers. I am indebted to each one of them for their advice, input and practical support. A new panel will be appointed in the near future.

Originally conceived as the Commissioner for Public Art in 2019, the role evolved into a broader remit for the Public Realm which was then adopted by Council in 2020, just at the start of the pandemic.

The pandemic affected the rollout of the Commission as other matters took priority. Nevertheless, by June 2022 several projects had been initiated/completed:

- Photos of locations around the District highlighting the best and worst elements of the Public Realm
- The first of an annual school video challenge at Knole Academy later expanded to Milestone Academy and Grange Park.
- Repairs and maintenance to the artwork in the Shambles and the preparation of a long-term plan for the preservation of the artwork.
- The use of s.106 funds for a sculpture at M&S.
- The replacement of the skateboard park in Swanley.
- Re-establishment of the In Bloom competition and awards.
- A bee/pollinator project at Milestone Academy

Lessons learned:

- 1) It is difficult (but not impossible) to be a Commissioner without any budget with which to commission work.
- 2) The Planning Application process, governed by NPPF and NPPG, is not amenable to such a role. Planning Officers have their own methods of evaluating the Public Realm. Pre-app discussions preclude the involvement of the Commissioner. The result is that major impacts on the Public Realm occur without any influence from the Commission. That means there have been lost opportunities.

- 3) The District is blessed with many people willing to volunteer, bringing with them enthusiasm and skill sets. The Commissioner will do more to encourage volunteers.

In conclusion:

What was intended to be a 4-year project was limited by circumstance to about 18 months. However, the pandemic highlighted the immense importance of the District's public realm to the wellbeing of residents and visitors alike.

The next 4-year term must be used to identify and deliver enhancements. We must create unexpected opportunities.

Key Implications

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

There is no financial implication to the Council, projects are either through S.106 money or funding is sought.

Equality Assessment

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

Net Zero Implications

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the council's ambition to be Net Zero by 2030. There is no perceived impact regarding either an increase or decrease in carbon emissions in the district, or supporting the resilience of the natural environment

Wellbeing

This update supports wellbeing.

Conclusions

For the Committee to note the report.

Appendices - None

Sarah Robson

Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Officer – People & Places

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PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER – THE VINE SEVENOAKS

PEOPLE & PLACES ADVISORY COMMITTEE – 20 June 2023

Report of: Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Officer People & Places

Status: For Approval

Also considered by: Cabinet – 13 July 2023

Key Decision: Yes

Executive Summary: The Council has a duty to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area and work towards delivering the objectives of the Sevenoaks District Community Safety Plan. The Community Safety Unit working alongside Sevenoaks Town Council would like to propose to undertake a public consultation to start the process of a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for 3 years at The Vine and surrounding green areas, Sevenoaks. The area proposed is owned by Sevenoaks Town Council and has been agreed by them.

This report supports the Key Aim of: The Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership Plan and Community Plan

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Lesley Dyball

Contact Officer(s): Kelly Webb, Ext. 7474

Recommendation to People and Places Advisory Committee

- a) To note the contents of the report and the process for implementing a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO).
- b) To support a recommendation to Cabinet to authorise a 6 week consultation with members of the public and partners on implementing a PSPO at The Vine and surrounding grass areas, commencing on 24 July 2023.

Recommendation to Cabinet

- c) To note the contents of the report and the process for implementing a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO).
- d) To authorise a 6 week consultation with members of the public and partners on implementing a PSPO at The Vine and surrounding grass areas, commencing on 24 July 2023.

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Introduction and Background

1. The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 placed a new duty on the Council to tackle Anti-social Behaviour (ASB), working co-operatively with the Police, social landlords and other agencies. The Act put victims at the heart of the response to ASB and was intended to give professionals the flexibility they needed to deal with any given situation.
2. Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) were one of a number of new tools contained within the Act and were intended to deal with a particular nuisance or problem in a particular area that was detrimental to the local community's quality of life, by imposing conditions on the use of that area which apply to everyone. They were designed to ensure the law-abiding majority could use and enjoy public spaces, safe from anti-social behaviour.
3. Councils are responsible for making the PSPO, although the Police also have enforcement powers. District Councils take the lead in England with county councils undertaking the role only where there is no district council. The power is not available to parish councils or town councils.
4. The PSPOs have replaced dog control orders, designated public place orders (also known as Alcohol Control Zones) and gating orders.

The requirements of a PSPO

5. The Council can make a PSPO on any public space in its own boundary area. The definition of a public space is wide and includes any place to which 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, for example a shopping centre. It does not just apply to land owned by the District Council but to any open space anywhere in the district (even land owned by parish councils or Kent County Council).
6. Before making a PSPO the Council must consult with the local police. This is an opportunity for the Police and Council to share information about the area and the problems being caused as well as to discuss the practicalities of enforcement. In addition, the owner or occupier of the land should be consulted as well as community representatives as appropriate.
7. In addition to the specific statutory consultation requirements, the Council has to adhere to the publication requirements which form part of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (Publication of Public Spaces Protection Orders) Regulations 2014 ("The regulations"). These specify both advertising requirements and the need for notification to be placed on land affected.

8. The test for a PSPO is designed to be broad and focus on the impact 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 activities carried out, or likely to be carried out, in a public space:
- have had, or are 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.

9. The Statutory Guidance for frontline professionals on the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 advises that

'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.'

10. In relation to groups hanging around/ standing in groups/ playing games, the guidance advises as follows

'It is important that councils do not inadvertently restrict everyday sociability in public spaces. The Public Spaces Protection Order should target specifically the problem behaviour that is having a detrimental effect on the community's quality of life, rather than everyday sociability, such as standing in groups which is not in itself a problem behaviour.'

Where young people are concerned, councils should think carefully about restricting activities that they are most likely to engage in. Restrictions that are too broad or general in nature may force the young people into out-of-the-way spaces and put them at risk. In such circumstances, councils should consider whether there are alternative spaces that they can use.

People living in temporary accommodation may not be able to stay in their accommodation during the day and so may find themselves spending extended times in public spaces or seeking shelter in bad weather. It is important that public spaces are available for the use and enjoyment of a broad spectrum of the public, and that people of all ages are free to gather, talk and play games.'

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11. A single PSPO can include multiple restrictions and requirements in one order. It can prohibit certain activities, such as the drinking of alcohol, as well as placing requirements on individuals carrying out certain activities, for instance making sure that people walking their dogs keep them on a lead.
12. Should the PSPO be implemented, the Council will work with the Police to ensure that front-line officers are aware of the power and how to use it, to maximise the impact of the PSPO.
13. A breach of the PSPO is a criminal offence, which can be dealt with, either by way of a fixed penalty notice (FPN) or prosecution. If prosecuted, an individual could be liable for a fine.
14. The maximum duration of a PSPO is three years but they can last for shorter periods where appropriate. At any point before expiry the council can extend a PSPO by up to three years if they consider that it is necessary to prevent the original behaviour from occurring or reoccurring. If a new issue arises in an area where a PSPO is in force the council can vary the terms of the order at any time. This can change the size of the restricted area or the specific requirements or restrictions. As well as varying the PSPO, a council can also seek to discharge it at any time.

The proposed PSPO for The Vine, Sevenoaks

15. The Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership Strategy and Action Plan is developed and supported by agencies across the District who can have an impact on reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime. The Strategy helps to:
 - Reduce and detect crime
 - Reduce anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime
 - Strengthen community involvement
16. Officers from agencies including Sevenoaks District Council, Sevenoaks Town Council, Kent Police, Kenward Trust, West Kent Housing Youth Services have used data, evidence and professional judgement to develop this proposed PSPO and have considered all issues/areas against the stated test process. Over many years there has been reoccurring Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), Underage Drinking, Drug Use and Criminal Damage at the Vine, usually occurring from April to June. However this year has seen ASB, criminal damage, underage drinking (alcohol) and drug misuse. Following the fireworks evening at The Vine a number of pupils from local and out of area schools have been arranging meet ups at the Vine. These meet ups have been mainly on a Friday evening and has consisted on some evenings up to 200 young people congregating on The Vine.

17. From 5 November 2022 to 6 May this year, there were 31 reports to Police regarding The Vine and a further 11 reports to the Community Safety Unit. Although this may not seem a lot of reports, each report has recorded over 50-100 gathering on the Vine, reports have been fighting, underage drinking, intimidation, drug use, criminal damage, rubbish including smashed glass in the grass and public disorder.
18. A Task & Finish Group was set up and continues to meet up to look at the actions around the Vine. Appendix B sets out the initial Action Plan and a further updated one.
19. A neighbourhood survey was sent out to local residents in March 2023. 12 surveys were returned identifying the following concerns:-
 - ASB – large gatherings of young people
 - Drug Use
 - Damage to the Pavilion
 - Underage Drinking
 - Intimidation and feeling unsafe
 - Injuries to dog paws due to smashed glass
 - Adverse effect on residents, businesses and visitors
20. Sevenoaks Town Council raised this at their two youth council meetings who agreed that the PSPO should be put in place.
21. The restrictions proposed for the PSPO are to include:
 - Failing to comply with a direction not to consume, in breach of this order, alcohol, or anything which an authorised person reasonably believes to be alcohol where the authorised person reasonably believes that a person has engaged in anti- social behaviour.
 - Failing to surrender a container of alcohol (whether open or not) when asked to do so by an authorised person.
 - Engaging in anti-social behaviour which is likely to cause harassment alarm and distress to those persons in the locality.
 - Not to return within 24 hours.

Consultation

22. There is a requirement on the Council to consult when implementing or varying a PSPO. The specific wording of the Act sets out that Local Authorities are obliged to consult with:

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23. a) The chief officer of police, and the local policing body, for the police area that includes the restricted area (Kent Police has agreed that this should be the Chief Inspector, District Commander);
 - b) Whatever community representatives the local authority thinks it appropriate to consult;
 - c) The owner or occupier of land within the restricted area;
24. We will also be consulting directly with local ward councillors in the wards affected.

Next steps

25. The Council would like to conduct a formal 6-week consultation to allow residents and visitors to provide their comments and to provide feedback on a PSPO covering a geographical area cover The Vine and surrounding green areas.
26. A public consultation would be made available via our partners in the voluntary sector to engage with groups likely to be affected.

Enforcement processes and penalties

27. It is an offence for a person, without reasonable excuse, to:
 - do anything that the person is prohibited from doing by a PSPO
 - fail to comply with a requirement to which the person is subject under a PSPO.
28. If a person fails to adhere to the PSPO they may be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN). Where the FPN is not paid within the required timescale, court proceedings may be initiated.
29. FPNs issued to under 16s will be sent to the alleged offender under cover of a letter, which will also be copied to the parent/guardian. FPNs for under 16s will not be issued on the spot.
30. Fixed Penalty Notices will be issued by authorised District Council staff. The table below shows what other councils in Kent charge. Once the PSPO consultation has been completed, a further report will be presented to People and Places Advisory Committee and Cabinet later this year, outlining the responses and seeking approval to proceed with implementing the PSPO. Within this update report, it will be proposed that we increase our current FPN fee to £100 with no reduction for early payment, in line with what other councils charge across Kent to ensure greater consistency.

Authority	Fine charged
Ashford	£100 fixed fee and no reduction if paid early
Canterbury	£100 fixed fee and no reduction if paid early
Dartford	£100 fixed fee and no reduction if paid early
Dover	£100 reduced to £75 if paid within 10 days.
Folkestone & Hythe	£100 fixed fee and no reduction if paid early
Gravesham	£75 with no reduced fee for early payment

Reasons for recommendation

31. The Council could chose to not take any further action, however the Council has a duty to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area and work towards delivering the objectives of the Sevenoaks District Community Safety Plan. The implementation of any PSPO assists the Council with meeting these requirements by providing the Council and Police with additional powers to tackle the issues identified.

Key Implications

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

32. The power to make a PSPO is contained in section 59 of the 2014 Act. A local authority can only make a PSPO if it is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the conditions set out at paragraph 1.2.3 have been met.
33. A public consultation has to be completed for 6 weeks before a PSPO can be authorised.
34. In deciding whether to make/ extend/ vary or discharge a PSPO, the Council is required to have particular regard to the rights or freedom of expression and freedom of assembly set out in Articles 10 and 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights.
35. Once the final PSPO measures are agreed the PSPO will need to be published in accordance with the regulations made by the Secretary of State.
36. The Council needs to ensure that the powers are used in a reasonable, consistent, appropriate and proportionate manner and must comply with the consultation requirements set out in this report.

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37. The area that the PSPO covers must be considered as part of the consultation and data collection, as the Council must evidence that there is a significant nuisance or problem in a specific area that is detrimental to the local community's quality of life.
38. If we do pursue a new PSPO it will be important to ensure that its scope and the process for introduction is in accordance with the powers and requirements of the 2014 Act. Any challenge to a PSPO would have to be made by an interested person by way of an application in the High Court for permission to seek a Judicial Review. That application must be made within six weeks of the PSPO being made. An interested person is someone who lives in, regularly works in, or visits the restricted area.
39. A person who receives an FPN due to a breach of PSPO can also challenge the validity of the order. This means that only those who are directly affected by the restrictions have the power to challenge. This right to challenge also exists where an order is varied by a council. Interested persons can challenge the validity of a PSPO on two grounds. They could argue that the council did not have power to make the order, or to include particular prohibitions or requirements.
40. In addition, the interested person could argue that one of the requirements (for instance, consultation) had not been complied with. When the application is made, the High Court can decide to suspend the operation of the PSPO pending the verdict in part or in totality. The High Court can uphold the PSPO, quash it, or vary it.
41. The Council will have to take measures to mitigate against these risks by, for example, embarking on a full consultation process, publishing the proposed order and map and putting in place measures to publicise the PSPO through street signage and an intention to publish the final Order on the Council website in accordance with the act.

Financial

There are limited capital or revenue implications associated with this report. The primary cost if we were to proceed with a PSPO would be installing new signage through the proposed PSPO zone and would be met from existing budgetary provision and also from the land owner (Sevenoaks Town Council. This will cost approximately £500-£1000. There may be a staffing resource implication for the District Council for issuing Fixed Penalty Notices and the work associated with this.

Equality Assessment

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

Net Zero Implications

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the council's ambition to be Net Zero by 2030. There is no perceived impact regarding either an increase or decrease in carbon emissions in the district, or supporting the resilience of the natural environment

Wellbeing

If we were to work towards introducing a new PSPO this will enable the Council and its partners to utilise additional powers to tackle street based anti-social behaviour within the selected area, helping to increase quality of life and wellbeing in the area affected.

Conclusion

The Council has a duty to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area and work towards delivering the objectives of the Sevenoaks District Community Safety Plan. The implementation of any PSPO assists the Council with meeting these requirements by providing the Council and Police with additional powers to tackle the issues identified. This report seeks Cabinet approval to commence a 6 week public consultation for the new PSPO at The Vine. Once the consultation is complete and results have been evaluated, they will be presented to the relevant Advisory Committee and Cabinet for final consideration and decision to implement the PCSO.

Appendices

Appendix A – Draft Public Spaces Protection Order

Appendix B – Task & Finish Group Action Plan x 2

Appendix C – Draft Consultation Questions

Sarah Robson

Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Officer – People & Places

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ORDER**ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014****SECTION 59****PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER**

This order is made by the SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COUNCIL (the 'Council') and shall be known as the **Public Spaces Protection Order, The Vine, Sevenoaks 2023**.

PRELIMINARY

1. The Council, in making this Order is satisfied on reasonable grounds that:

The activities identified below have been carried out in public places within the Council's area and have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, and that:

- the effect, or likely effect, of the activities:
 - is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature,
 - is, or is likely to be, such as to make the activities unreasonable, and
 - justifies the restrictions imposed by the notice.
2. The Council is satisfied that the prohibitions imposed by this Order are reasonable to impose in order to prevent the detrimental effect of these activities from continuing, occurring or recurring, or to reduce that detrimental effect or to reduce the risk of its continuance, occurrence or recurrence.
 3. The Council has had regard to the rights and freedoms set out in the European Convention on Human Rights. The Council has had particular regard to the rights and freedoms set out in Article 10 (right of freedom of expression) and Article 11 (right of freedom of assembly) of the European Convention on Human Rights and has concluded that the restrictions on such rights and freedoms imposed by this Order are lawful, necessary and proportionate.

THE ACTIVITIES

4. The Activities prohibited by this Order are:
 - i. Failing to comply with a direction not to consume, in breach of this order, alcohol, or anything which an authorised person reasonably believes to be alcohol where the authorised person reasonably believes that a person has engaged in anti- social behaviour.

- ii. Failing to surrender a container of alcohol (whether open or not) when asked to do so by an authorised person.
- iii. Engaging in anti-social behaviour which is likely to cause harassment alarm and distress to those persons in the locality.
- iv. Returning to the area within 24 hours after being asked to leave.

THE PROHIBITIONS

5. A person shall not engage in any of the Activities listed at paragraph 4(i), 4(ii), 4(iii) and 4 (iv) anywhere within the Restricted Area known as “The Vine, Sevenoaks” and marked on the map at Schedule 1 of this order and labelled “The Vine Restricted Area and surrounding grass areas”.
6. This Prohibition is subject to the Exception stated below.
7. Not to return within 24 hours after being asked to leave.

THE REQUIREMENT

8. A person who is believed to have engaged in a breach of this Order is required to give their name and address to a police officer, police community support officer or other person designated by the Council.

THE EXCEPTION

9. Nothing in this order shall apply to a person who is consuming alcohol on premises listed in section 62 of the 2014 Act, the full text of section 62 appears at Schedule 2 of this Order.

DEFINITIONS

10. In this Order the following words or phrases are defined as follows:

‘Alcohol’ has the same meaning as in section 191 of the Licensing Act 2003, the full text of s.191 appears at the end of this Order.

‘Anti-social behaviour’ means conduct that has caused or is likely to cause nuisance, annoyance, harassment, alarm or distress to any person.

‘Authorised Officer’ means an employee or agent of the Authority who is authorised for the purpose of giving directions under this Order.

‘Council’ means Sevenoaks District Council.

‘Restricted Area’ means the The Vine and surrounding grasslands, Sevenoaks as shown on the maps at Schedule 1 of this order and labelled “The Vine, Sevenoaks Restricted Area” and shaded with a red boundary line.

'2014 Act' means the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

PERIOD FOR WHICH THIS ORDER HAS EFFECT

11. This Order is made on **insert date** and will come into force at midnight on **insert date** and will expire at midnight on **insert date**.
12. At any point before the expiry of this three-year period the Council can extend the Order by up to three years if they are satisfied on reasonable grounds that this is necessary to prevent the activities identified in the Order from occurring or recurring or to prevent an increase in the frequency or seriousness of those activities after that time.

Dated **insert date**

**THE COMMON SEAL OF
SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COUNCIL**
was hereunto affixed in the
presence of:

Martin Goodman
Head of Legal Services
Authorised Signatory



insert seal

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WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER?

ALCOHOL

Section 63 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime, and Policing Act 2014 provides that where a constable or authorised person has reason to believe that a person has been consuming alcohol in breach of this PSPO or intends to consume alcohol in circumstances which would be a breach of this PSPO, the constable or authorised person may require that person not to consume alcohol or anything which is reasonably believed to be alcohol and/or surrender anything believed to be alcohol or a container for alcohol. Failure to comply without having a reasonable excuse is an offence. A requirement is not valid if, when asked to do so, the constable or authorised person, fails to show evidence of their authorisation. **Section 62** (set out in full below) contains a list of exceptions where the ban on consuming alcohol does not apply).

CRIMINAL OFFENCE

Section 67 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime, and Policing Act 2014 says that it is a criminal offence for a person without reasonable excuse:

- (a) to do anything that the person is prohibited from doing by a public spaced protection order, or
- (b) to fail to comply with a requirement to which the person is subject under a public spaces protection order.

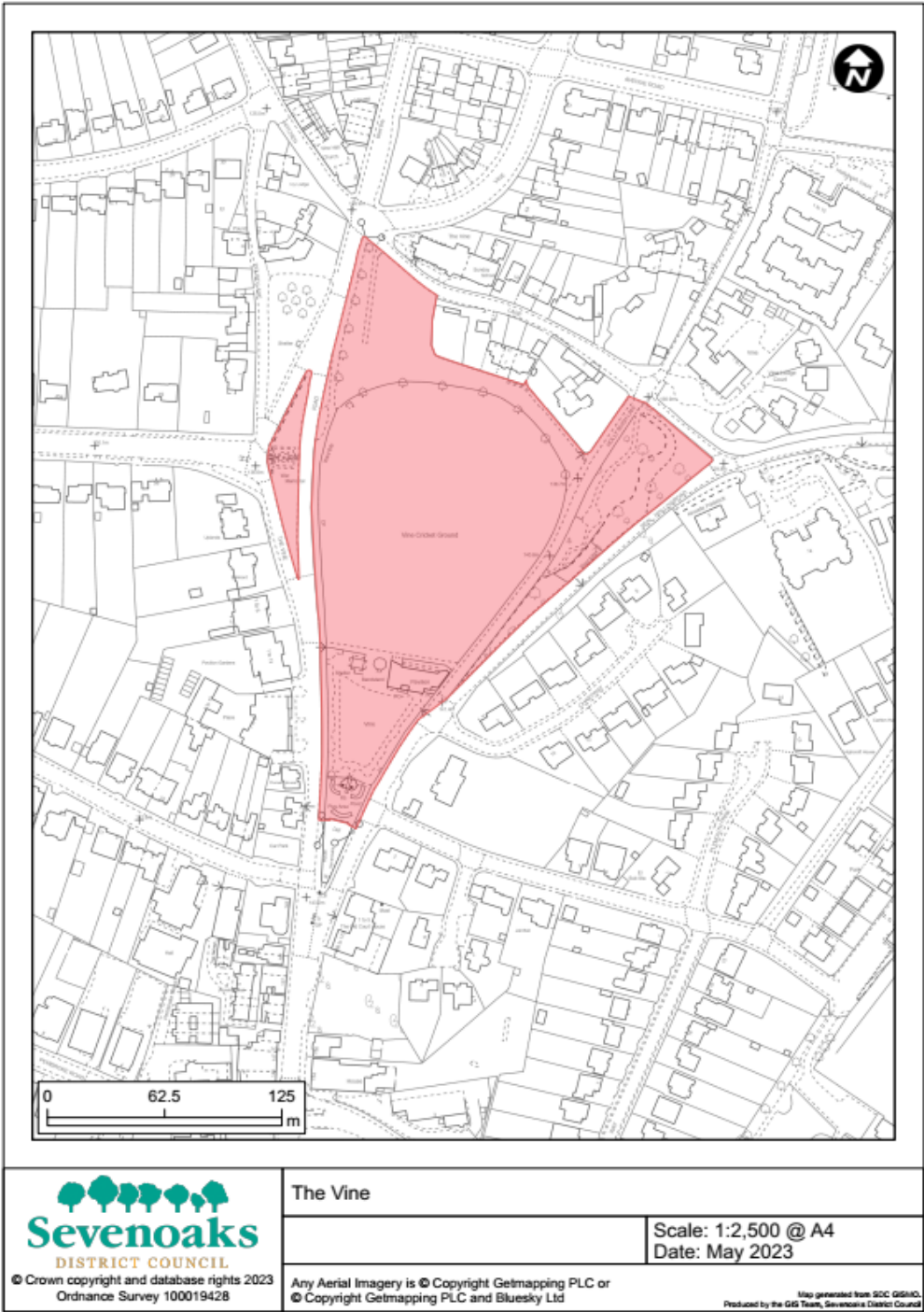
PENALTY

A person who is guilty of an offence under this Order shall be liable to a £100.00 Fixed Penalty Notice, or upon summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 (currently £1000) on the standard scale.

APPEALS

Any challenge to this order must be made in the High Court by an interested person within six weeks of it being made. An interest person is someone who lives in, regularly works in or visits the Restricted Areas. This means that only those who are directly affected by the restrictions have the power to challenge. The right to challenge also exists where an order is varied by the Council. Interested persons can challenge the validity of this order on two grounds: that the Council did not have the power to make the order, or to include particular prohibitions or requirements; or that one of the requirements of the legislation has not been complied with. When an application is made the High Court can decide to suspend the operation of the order pending the court's decision, in part or in totality. The High Court has the ability to uphold or quash the order or any of its prohibitions or requirement

Map of the Vine and Grass Areas - PSPO Outline



Schedule 2 - LEGISLATION

Section 62 – Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 Premises etc.

to which alcohol prohibition does not apply

- (1) A prohibition in a public spaces protection order on consuming alcohol does not apply to—
 - (a) premises (other than council-operated licensed premises) authorised by a premises licence to be used for the supply of alcohol;
 - (b) premises authorised by a club premises certificate to be used by the club for the supply of alcohol;
 - (c) a place within the curtilage of premises within paragraph (a) or (b);
 - (d) premises which by virtue of Part 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 may at the relevant time be used for the supply of alcohol or which, by virtue of that Part, could have been so used within the 30 minutes before that time;
 - (e) a place where facilities or activities relating to the sale or consumption of alcohol are at the relevant time permitted by virtue of a permission granted under section 115E of the Highways Act 1980 (highway-related uses).
- (2) A prohibition in a public spaces protection order on consuming alcohol does not apply to council-operated licensed premises—
 - (a) when the premises are being used for the supply of alcohol, or
 - (b) within 30 minutes after the end of a period during which the premises have been used for the supply of alcohol.
- (3) In this section—

“club premises certificate” has the meaning given by section 60 of the Licensing Act 2003;

“premises licence” has the meaning given by section 11 of that Act;

“supply of alcohol” has the meaning given by section 14 of that Act.
- (4) For the purposes of this section, premises are “council-operated licensed premises” if they are authorised by a premises licence to be used for the supply of alcohol and—
 - (a) the licence is held by a local authority in whose area the premises (or part of the premises) are situated, or
 - (b) the licence is held by another person but the premises are occupied by a local authority or are managed by or on behalf of a local authority.

Section 63 - Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 Consumption of alcohol in breach of prohibition in order

- (1) This section applies where a constable or an authorised person reasonably believes that a person (P)—
- (a) is or has been consuming alcohol in breach of a prohibition in a public spaces protection order, or
 - (b) intends to consume alcohol in circumstances in which doing so would be a breach of such a prohibition.
- In this section “*authorised person*” means a person authorised for the purposes of this section by the local authority that made the public spaces protection order (or authorised by virtue of section 69(1)).
- (2) The constable or authorised person may require —
- (a) not to consume, in breach of the order, alcohol or anything which the constable or authorised person reasonably believes to be alcohol;
 - (b) 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.
- (3) A constable or an authorised person who imposes a requirement under subsection (2) must tell P that failing without reasonable excuse to comply with the requirement is an offence.
- (4) A requirement imposed by an authorised person under subsection (2) is not valid if the person—
- (a) is asked by P to show evidence of his or her authorisation, and
 - (b) fails to do so.
- (5) A constable or an authorised person may dispose of anything surrendered under subsection (2)(b) in whatever way he or she thinks appropriate.
- (6) A person who fails without reasonable excuse to comply with a requirement imposed on him or her under subsection (2) commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

Offences

67 - Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 Offence of failing to comply with order

- (1) It is an offence for a person without reasonable excuse—
- (a) to do anything that the person is prohibited from doing by a public spaces protection order, or
 - (b) to fail to comply with a requirement to which the person is subject under a public spaces protection order.
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

- (3) A person does not commit an offence under this section by failing to comply with a prohibition or requirement that the local authority did not have power to include in the public spaces protection order.
- (4) Consuming alcohol in breach of a public spaces protection order is not an offence under this section (but see section 63).

191 – Licensing Act 2003 Meaning

of “alcohol”

- (1) In this Act, “*alcohol*” means spirits, wine, beer, cider or any other fermented, distilled or spirituous liquor in any state, but does not include—
 - (a) alcohol which is of a strength not exceeding 0.5% at the time of the sale or supply in question,
 - (b) perfume,
 - (c) flavouring essences recognised by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise as not being intended for consumption as or with dutiable alcoholic liquor,
 - (d) the aromatic flavouring essence commonly known as Angostura bitters,
 - (e) alcohol which is, or is included in, a medicinal product or a veterinary medicinal product,
 - (f) denatured alcohol,
 - (g) methyl alcohol,
 - (h) naphtha, or
 - (i) alcohol contained in liqueur confectionery.

- (2) In this section—

“*denatured alcohol*” has the same meaning as in section 5 of the Finance Act 1995 (c. 4);

“*dutiable alcoholic liquor*” has the same meaning as in the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979 (c. 4);

“*liqueur confectionery*” means confectionery which—

- (a) contains alcohol in a proportion not greater than 0.2 litres of alcohol (of a strength not exceeding 57%) per kilogram of the confectionery, and
- (b) either consists of separate pieces weighing not more than 42g or is designed to be broken into such pieces for the purpose of consumption;

“*medicinal product*” has the same meaning as in section 130 of the Medicines Act 1968 (c. 67)

“*strength*” is to be construed in accordance with section 2 of the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979; and

“*veterinary medicinal product*” has the same meaning as in regulation 2 of the Veterinary Medicines Regulations 2006.

**Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership – The Vine/Bat and Ball Action Plan.
24 February 2023**

Background to the meeting – There has been an increase of young people gathering in crowds on the Vine, mainly on a Friday evening from 6pm that are causing ASB and criminal damage to the area. Although there has been actions taken since the New Year, the incidents have escalated, but not necessarily reported. The meeting looked at what Partnership action will be taken.

Next meeting Monday 13 March, 12pm via MS Teams

Attended	Organisation
Insp Matt Atkinson	Kent Police
Kelly Webb	Sevenoaks District Council
Linda Larter	Sevenoaks Town Council
Sgt Paul Cook	Kent Police
John Shanley	Kenward Trust
Ben Reynolds	West Kent Youth Detached Team

Ref No	IDENTIFIED ISSUE	RECOMMENDED ACTION	LEAD OFFICER & OTHER AGENCIES	By When	STATUS
1	Young People Gathering in Crowds Causing ASB and Criminal Damage	PCSOs & Town Beat Officer to continue to attend when on duty	Kent Police	On Going	
		Police late turn and Night	Kent Police	24 Feb 24	

Ref No	IDENTIFIED ISSUE	RECOMMENDED ACTION	LEAD OFFICER & OTHER AGENCIES	By When	STATUS
		shifts to red route to the area from this weekend. Added to Spring & Summer Police Plan which is now implemented as a location for attention Kent Police to ask Specials to attend the Vine	Kent Police Kent Police	Completed 27 Feb 23	
2	Young People Drinking and Smoking Cannabis	Kenward Trust to continue visiting on Friday and Saturday evenings West Kent Extra Detached Youth work to continue on Friday evenings Multi-Agency visits in the evening	Kenward Trust WKHA All Partners	On Going On Going 13 March 23	
3	Young People identified as potentially coming from Weald Academy & Trinity School	Police & CSU to visit both schools to teachers and pupils regarding incidents at the vine	CSU	13 March 2023	

Ref No	IDENTIFIED ISSUE	RECOMMENDED ACTION	LEAD OFFICER & OTHER AGENCIES	By When	STATUS
		Letter to be sent from school to parents	Trinity/Weald School		
4	Criminal Damage on the Pavilion	STC to look at purchasing a new camera for the Vine or upgrading the ones they have got	Sevenoaks Town Council	13 March 23	
		STC to continue to report to Police	Sevenoaks Town Council	24 Feb 23	
		Toilets to be locked on Friday evenings at 6pm	Sevenoaks Town Council	24 Feb 23	
		STC and SDC to do a site visit to see what other security measures can be put in place	Sevenoaks Town Council & Sevenoaks District Council	13 March 23	
		STC to look at mosquito music or Cliff Richards	Sevenoaks Town Council	13 March 23	
5	Residents not reporting concerns to Police	Article to be sent to STC on actions taken and how to report	CSU	27 Feb 23	

Ref No	IDENTIFIED ISSUE	RECOMMENDED ACTION	LEAD OFFICER & OTHER AGENCIES	By When	STATUS
		Police to promote reporting especially around the Vine and Bat n Ball in my community voice	Kent Police	27 Feb 23	
6	Where Alcohol is coming from (Home/Shops)	Talk in schools and letter to parents to include alcohol and use of CSU to visit nearby licensed premises regarding under age sales and proxy sales	CSU CSU	13 March 23 13 March 23	
7	Criminal Damage at Bat and Ball Station	Kent Police to talk to British Transport Police to attend the station on Friday evenings	Kent Police	1 March 23	
8	Use of the ASB Act 2014	Through the number of reports Kent Police to look at potential Dispersal Order for the Vine STC and SDC to look at PSPO Act	Kent Police STC and SDC	13 March 23 13 March 23	

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		When Young People are identified warning letters and ABAs to be issued	CSU	When identified	

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**Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership – The Vine/Bat and Ball Action Plan.
31 March 2023.**

Background to the meeting –There has been an increase of young people gathering in crowds on the Vine, mainly on a Friday evening from 6pm that are causing ASB and criminal damage to the area. Although there has been actions taken since the New Year, the incidents have escalated, but not necessarily reported. The meeting looked at what Partnership action will be taken.

Next meeting Tuesday 25 April, 10am via MS Teams

Attended	Organisation
Sgt Paul Cook	Kent Police
Kelly Webb	Sevenoaks District Council
PC Jules Edwards	Kent Police
Linda Larter	Sevenoaks Town Council

Ref No	IDENTIFIED ISSUE	RECOMMENDED ACTION	LEAD OFFICER & OTHER AGENCIES	By When	STATUS 31 March 2023
1	Young People Gathering in Crowds Causing ASB and Criminal Damage	PCSOs & Town Beat Officer to continue to attend when on duty	Kent Police	On Going	This action is on going and have been regularly attending fri evenings
		Police late turn and Night shifts to red route to the area from this weekend.	Kent Police	24 Feb 24	Dispersal Order will be in place over the Easter period and this weekend
		Added to Spring & Summer Police Plan which is now implemented as a location	Kent Police	Completed	CPT and Late Turn to have a copy of this. It will cover The Vine and up to the lights covering resident's

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		for attention Kent Police to ask Specials to attend the Vine	Kent Police	27 Feb 23	properties. It is a temporary measure. Insp Atkinson said that Specials will attend The Vine. It has to be set up as an event and this has been done so more officers can attend Last Friday (24 March) there was around 100 young people there.
2	Young People Drinking and Smoking Cannabis	Kenward Trust to continue visiting on Friday and Saturdays West Kent Extra Detached Youth work to continue on Friday evenings	Kenward Trust WKHA	On Going On Going	Kenward Trust concentrating on Fri evenings and have been engaging with young people. WKHA also attending on Friday evenings
3	Young People identified as potentially coming from Weald Academy & Trinity School	Police & CSU to visit both schools to teachers and pupils regarding incidents at the vine Letter to be sent from school	CSU Trinity/Weald	13 March 2023	Sgt Savill has asked T&M and Twells CSU to go to schools about the Vine. This was completed and all schools in T&M have sent communication to their schools. Awaiting to hear back from TWells

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		to parents	School		<p>Assembly was attended at Weald (mistake in last minutes it was not trinity) by Kelly & PC Edwards. PC Edwards recognised some of the girls who had been at The Vine the previous Friday</p> <p>Joint letter to all schools was done and sent out. Have received an email for Trinity confirming it has gone to all parents</p> <p>Put info out again on social media about the dispersal order (done Sat 1 April)</p>
4	Criminal Damage on the Pavilion	<p>STC to look at purchasing a new camera for the Vine or upgrading the ones they have got</p> <p>STC to continue to report to Police</p> <p>Toilets to be locked on Friday evenings at 6pm</p> <p>STC and SDC to do a site</p>	<p>Sevenoaks Town Council</p> <p>Sevenoaks Town Council</p> <p>Sevenoaks Town Council</p> <p>Sevenoaks Town</p>	<p>13 March 23</p> <p>24 Feb 23</p> <p>24 Feb 23</p> <p>13 March 23</p>	<p>Lighting has been improved. Cameras will be upgraded in the next couple of weeks</p> <p>On Going</p> <p>New steel toilet doors have been ordered and awaiting delivery</p> <p>Site visit held with Insp Atkinson,</p>

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		visit to see what other security measures can be put in place	Council & Sevenoaks District Council		<p>Sgt Savill, Kelly Webb and Linda Larter this morning (17 March). There is anti climb paint on roof. Kelly to send over to STC black spike railings to see if STC would like them and how many. SDC will pay for this. KW has not done this, but will send over images and costs</p> <p>Research into roof rolling barriers, concluded not possible as they have to be screwed in and this will ruin the new rubber roof</p> <p>Cages on the heat sensor as young people have been setting the alarms off.</p>
5	Residents not reporting concerns to Police	<p>Article to be sent to STC on actions taken and how to report</p> <p>Police to promote reporting especially around the Vine and Bat n Ball in my community voice</p>	<p>CSU</p> <p>Kent Police</p>	<p>27 Feb 23</p> <p>27 Feb 23</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Completed. Dispersal Order has gone out on twitter and my community voice</p>
6	Where Alcohol is coming from (Home/Shops)	Talk in schools and letter to parents to include alcohol	CSU	13 March 23	Assembly held on 22 March at Weald Academy at 8.50am, no

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		and use of CSU to visit nearby licensed premises regarding under age sales and proxy sales	CSU	13 March 23	reply from other schools Kelly to print off proxy sales poster for Kent police to take to the shop. KW not completed will do this Kenward Trust have introduced themselves to the shop and explained around under age and proxy sales Sgt Comben said that TS will do a sales test in a couple of weeks. Sgt Cook will ask when this date is due as PC Comben currently on course and court duty
7	Criminal Damage at Bat and Ball Station	Kent Police to talk to British Transport Police to attend the station on Friday evenings	Kent Police	1 March 23	Sgt Comben has contacted BTP to attend on Friday evenings, awaiting a response from them. Sgt Savill has also contacted BTP and South Eastern and is looking at some dates of any operations
8	Use of the ASB Act 2014	Through the number of reports Kent Police to look at potential Dispersal Order for	Kent Police	13 March 23	Sect 34 Dispersal Order, implemented today and over Easter period

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		<p>the Vine</p> <p>STC and SDC to look at PSPO Act</p> <p>When Young People are identified warning letters and ABAs to be issued</p>	<p>STC and SDC</p> <p>CSU</p>	<p>13 March 23</p> <p>When identified</p>	<p>STC Youth Council and Forum have agreed in principle. KW and Sgt Savill meeting later today.</p> <p>KW has drafted a report and proposed order. It needs to be signed off by Council in 2 stages according to the act.</p> <p>Go through the process of implementing one and doing a consultation. This would need to go through Advisory and Cabinet so not until 6 July sign off</p> <p>If agreed 6 week consultation and then through same process to agree and put order in place, with this time frame potential Oct sign off for a PSPO</p>
9	NEW ACTION Issues going on to Leisure Centre & surrounding areas	When moved from Vine going to other areas, to be monitored by Police and CCTV	Kent Police SDC - CCTV	10 March 23	<p>Police continue to red route and late turn Greatness Park & Leisure Centre.</p> <p>Ben Reynolds said that there are reports of the vape shop Heads</p>

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					<p>will Roll are selling vapes to school kids in uniform. Sgt Savill will take this forward – forwarded on from last meeting Sgt Savill to update</p> <p>Ben Reynolds will also talk to schools about a First aid course teenagers which looks at dealing with issues around drugs and alcohol. Roll forward action and awaiting update from BR</p>

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Sevenoaks District Council

DRAFT Public Space Protection Order Consultation for The Vine, Sevenoaks

We know that you are concerned about anti-social behaviour in The Vine, Sevenoaks. Sevenoaks District Council understands well how anti-social behaviour can affect our communities, with residents often feeling powerless to act. Councils have a key role to play in helping to make local areas safe places to live, visit and work. Tackling anti-social behaviour continues to be a high priority for the District. We should stress that this is not in any way intended to restrict people's enjoyment of our public spaces. Quite the reverse – it is about making sure that everyone is able to enjoy public places safely, free from anti-social behaviour.

Having listened to your concerns we are now investigating the introduction of a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) at The Vine, Sevenoaks and would like to consult with you on this proposal because your views are important to us.

A PSPO is an additional tool that gives the Police and Council Officers powers to help reduce specific anti-social behaviours. It also allows officers to issue a warning, or a fixed penalty notice for anti-social behaviour carried out by individuals. The PSPO is enforced under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

Please provide your views on our proposed PSPO by completing the survey below. The consultation will start on **xxx date** and you will have until **xxx date** to participate. Once the consultation has closed the survey responses will be analysed and the results reported to the Council's Cabinet.

1. Are you a resident of Sevenoaks District?

Yes
No

2. Are you responding as?

Person who works in Sevenoaks Town
Centre/District
Local Resident
Local business owner/manager
Local Town or Parish Councillor
Representative of a community
group/voluntary group
Other

3. Thinking about The Vine, overall how much of a problem do you think anti-social behaviour (ASB) causes in the area? Is it...

Agenda Item 10

Appendix C

	A very big problem	A fairly big problem	Not a very big problem	Not a problem at all	No opinion	Not answered
ASB						

4. Have you reported ASB regarding The Vine and who did you report to?

Police
 Community Safety Unit
 Local School
 Sevenoaks Town Council
 Sevenoaks District Council
 Other

5. Do you feel you received a satisfactory response after reporting concerns>

Yes
 No

6. Do you agree with the proposal to introduce a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to deter Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) at The Vine, Sevenoaks?

Yes
 No
 Don't know

7. The following activities would be prohibited by the proposed PSPO:

- i. Failing to comply with a direction not to consume, in breach of this order, alcohol, or anything which an authorised person reasonably believes to be alcohol where the authorised person reasonably believes that a person has engaged in anti- social behaviour.
- ii. Failing to surrender a container of alcohol (whether open or not) when asked to do so by an authorised person.
- iii. Engaging in anti-social behaviour which is likely to cause harassment alarm and distress to those persons in the locality.
- iv. Returning to the area within 24 hours after being asked to leave.

Do you support the activities proposed above?

Yes
 No

8. Are there any other activities relating to ASB, which you would like to see included in the PSPO for The Vine, Sevenoaks?

9. Please write down any further comments you may have about the PSPO

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People and Places Advisory Committee Work Plan (as at 8/06/23)

20 June 2023:

- Role of the Advisory Committee and Key Challenges
- Public Realm Commission Annual Update by the Public Realm Commissioner
- Public Spaces Protection Order for The Vine

3 October 2023:

- Community Plan Update
- Community Grant Scheme 2023/24
- Community Mobilisation Programme Update

30 November 2023:

- UK Shared Prosperity Fund and Rural Prosperity Fund Updates
- Economic Development Strategy (incl. Place Campaign) – annual review
- Leisure Contract (first six months) Update

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