

Decision Schedule

Cabinet Member for Licensing and Regulation

TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

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The Cabinet Member took the following decisions on 22 August 2019. They will become effective at Noon on 2 September 2019 with the exception of any particular decision, which is the subject of a valid "call-in".

The deadline for submission of a 'Call-in' request form is 4.00 pm on 30 August 2019.

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Newport City Centre Market Arcade: Public Spaces Protection Order

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

A Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) was designed to prevent individuals or groups committing anti-social behaviour in a public space where the behaviour was having, or was likely to have, a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality; and the behaviour was or likely to be persistent or continuing in nature and be unreasonable.

The city centre Market Arcade was built in 1869 and runs between the north end of High Street and Market Street. Its use has declined substantially in recent decades although it is hoped that HLF Townscape Heritage Funding would enable the Arcade to be restored and brought back into use as a 21st century asset to the City.

Due the anti-social behaviour being experienced in the Arcade, it was timely for the Council to implement a PSPO to close the Arcade at night to the public. There was a public right of way, a highway, running through the Arcade and therefore the Arcade owners cannot simply close the Arcade whenever they wish.

Public consultation has taken place and there is general support for a PSPO to allow the closure of the Arcade at night. Approval of a PSPO is reserved to Full Council. Therefore, this report asks the Cabinet Member to consider recommending to Council that a PSPO is introduced to close the Market Arcade to the public from 20:00 hours to 07:00 hours, 7 days a week. This closure would be achieved by the use of gates, which would be opened and closed by Newport Norse, paid for by means of a service charge paid by participating owners/tenants of the Market Arcade. The PSPO would remain in place for three years, but could be reviewed at any time in the interim.

Decision

The Cabinet Member for Licensing & Regulation would make a recommendation to Council that a Public Spaces Protection Order be made.

Consultation

Monitoring Officer, Head of Finance, Head of People & Business Change

All members were consulted and provided with an opportunity to comment. Any comments received and response thereafter are set out in the report.

Implemented By: Head of Law & Regulation

Implementation Timetable: Immediate

COUNCILLOR R TRUMAN, CABINET MEMBER FOR LICENSING & REGULATION

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