

Cabinet

5 December 2023

Powers to address Anti-Social Behaviour

Over this last summer, there has been an up tick on levels of anti-social behaviour experienced by residents and visitors alike particularly in our town centres across the bay. In light of this, the local authority should commence gathering evidence to assist in the development of Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) that could cover the whole of Torbay as has been undertaken in North Somerset Council. The potential PSPO orders should include:

- Dog fouling
- Alcohol restrictions
- Littering
- Urinating in public
- Trading goods on public property
- Consuming or inhaling psychoactive substances
- Aggressive begging
- Use or drive a vehicle in a manner likely to cause alarm, harassment, distress or public nuisance
- Causing obstruction on a public highway or publicly accessible place (whether moving or stationary)
- Parking or driving on parks, open space, public realm or highway verge
- Pedlar's code of conduct

We also ask for Cabinet to consider how Torbay Council can more proactively use Community Protection Warnings (CPW), Community Protection Notices (PCN) and Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBO) to help tackle anti-social behaviour in our town centres and residential areas. Therefore, Cabinet is requested to instruct officers to undertake an analysis of available evidence so as to inform approaches in this respect.

Proposer: Councillor Steve Darling
Seconder: Councillor Carter