



Equality and Safety Impact Assessment

The **public sector Equality Duty** (Section 149 of the Equality Act) requires public bodies to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between different people carrying out their activities.

The Equality Duty supports good decision making – it encourages public bodies to be more efficient and effective by understanding how different people will be affected by their activities, so that their policies and services are appropriate and accessible to all and meet different people’s needs. The Council’s Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) includes an assessment of the community safety impact assessment to comply with section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act and will enable the council to better understand the potential impact of the budget proposals and consider mitigating action.

<p>Name or Brief Description of Proposal</p>	<p>The extension of the Public Spaces Protection Orders controlling street drinking in Southampton.</p>
<p>Brief Service Profile (including number of customers)</p>	<p>The Anti Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2013 allows a local authority to create Public Spaces Protection Orders to restrict activities which are carried on in a public place and which are detrimental to the quality of life of those in the locality.</p> <p>The Council and the police receive complaints about street drinking and the associated anti-social behaviour in some parts of the city, particularly in the commercial centres and in public parks.</p> <p>The existing Public Spaces Protection Orders are to be varied and extended in the five where anti-social behaviour associated with street drinking has been identified: City Centre, Portswood, Bitterne, Woolston and Shirley.</p>
<p>Summary of Impact and Issues</p>	<p>The public spaces protection orders provide the police with additional powers to tackle street drinking. These include directing an individual to stop drinking alcohol in an area covered by a PSPO and to require the surrender of alcohol if the street drinking continues. (The controls applied by the PSPO’s do not apply in areas which are</p>

	covered by a premises licence permitting the supply of alcohol.) It is also an offence to fail to comply with the requirements of a PSPO which may lead to the issuing of a £100 fixed penalty or a prosecution.
Potential Positive Impacts	The public spaces protection orders will provide police with additional powers to tackle street drinking, which will reduce the associated anti-social behaviour and will improve the quality of life in localities where the orders take effect.
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Approved by Senior Manager	Mary D’Arcy – Executive Director Communities Culture and Homes
Signature	
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Potential Impact

Impact Assessment	Details of Impact	Possible Solutions & Mitigating Actions
Age	None identified	Not applicable
Disability	None identified	Not applicable
Gender Reassignment	None identified	Not applicable
Marriage and Civil Partnership	None identified	Not applicable

Pregnancy and Maternity	None identified	Not applicable
Race	None identified	Not applicable
Religion or Belief	None identified	Not applicable
Sex	None identified	Not applicable
Sexual Orientation	None identified	Not applicable
Community Safety	Reducing street drinking will improve community safety by reducing the anti-social behaviour associated with this activity, improving the quality of life of those living in, working in or visiting the areas covered by the orders.	Not applicable
Poverty	Street drinking may be associated with poverty or homelessness, but the issues are not directly linked.	Enforcement of the provisions of the PSPO will be focussed on individuals who are drinking alcohol and engaging in anti-social behaviour. Enforcement will include, where appropriate, action to direct individuals to engage with the support services that are available within the city.
Other Significant Impacts	None identified	Not applicable

