

Overview & Scrutiny Commission

Date: 5 July 2023

Subject: PSPO Signage update

Lead officer: Katy Saunders, Community Safety Team Manager

Lead member: Cllr Eleanor Stringer, Cabinet Member for Civic Pride

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Dear OSC Members,

Safer Merton attended OSC in March 2023 with regards to making a borough wide alcohol related PSPO, which was approved by Cabinet. The legal Order is currently being made and will commence on 25th July 2023. It should be noted there will be a 6-week appeal period following commencement. A communications plan for residents, partners and Members is being developed.

Thank you for your feedback at OSC with regards to redesigning the PSPO signage. Attached are the final versions of the signs as approved by Cllr Stringer. We worked with Comms and Legal to produce the signs, which make clear the Order is not a ban on drinking alcohol, but an encouragement of responsible drinking, whilst ensuring the Council covers the legal requirements of the Order. There are two versions of the sign, one for wards covered by the existing PSPO which discharge the old Order, and one for wards where the PSPO is new.

The signs will be erected on lampposts in A4 correx across the borough by 25th July 2023. Once the appeal period is over and the Council's corporate rebrand has been completed, we will work to produce larger metal signage where appropriate.

We will be providing an update on the PSPO as part of our next report to OSC in September.

Over the summer we will also be holding briefings for Members and partners to assist in understanding the PSPO and its remits.

2 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT

- Sign 1 (borough wide) and Sign 2 (existing 5 wards)

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