

Appendix 1 – Draft City Executive Board response to recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee made on 5 March 2019 concerning the Council’s approach to a City Centre Public Space Protection Order (PSPO).

Draft response provided by the Board Member for Safer, Greener Oxford

Recommendation	Agree?	Comment
<p>Recommendation 1: That the Council ensures that the consultation on acceptable behaviours in the City Centre actively seeks out the views of:</p> <p>a) People who sleep rough and related third sector support organisations, as well as other vulnerable groups and their associated bodies.</p> <p>b) Thames Valley Police.</p> <p>c) People who are likely to oppose the introduction of PSPOs.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p>The consultation will be delivered by an independent organisation who will be tasked with speaking to vulnerable people and rough sleepers.</p> <p>In line with Home Office guidance, the consultation will hear views of all people, some of whom will oppose the introduction of a PSPO. There are some organisation actively campaigning for the abolition of PSPOs – they will be contacted and again if there is a subsequent PSPO consultation.</p>
<p>Recommendation 2: That the consultation on acceptable behaviours presents information objectively, and that questions are phrased in an open way.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No Comment</p>
<p>Recommendation 3: That any subsequent City Executive Board report concerning PSPOs discusses alternative approaches to managing unacceptable behaviours, and the benefits and limitations of such approaches. This report should also set out a list of consultees the Council has approached as part of the acceptable behaviours consultation.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p>No Comment</p>
<p>Recommendation 4: That consideration is given to how the Council could better protect people sleeping rough from violence and abuse.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Rough sleepers have the right to the same protections as anyone else. Wherever crimes or abuse against rough sleepers is reported, the full weight of the law must be used to bring the perpetrators to justice.</p>

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