

Meeting: Policy Development Group (Joint Operations Team)

Date: 23 November 2016

Wards Affected: Various

Report Title: Byelaws, Homeless People and Begging

Is the decision a key decision? No

When does the decision need to be implemented? as soon as possible

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1. Proposal and Introduction

- 1.1 Complaints regarding rough sleeping, street drinking and begging have increased throughout the summer period, particularly in relation to the harbourside and seafront location of Torquay. It has been proposed to assess the potential use of byelaws or a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to address these concerns.
- 1.2 Also to consider if the same legal powers may be applicable to reported issues regarding motor homes parked on the highway.

2. Reason for Proposal

- 2.1 To assess if these are viable options to address increases in street based anti-social behaviour (ASB) and rough sleeping.

3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

- 3.1 The best outcomes can be achieved by delivering a partnership approach building on the best practice work which has already commenced, which does not require a legislative change.
- 3.2 Regarding motor homes, there are sufficient controls in place to enforce the main area of concern. Further consideration of powers would be disproportionate to the levels of complaints that are handled within existing resources.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Supporting Information and Impact Assessment

Background Documents

None