

DECISION NOTICE OF AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF GWYNEDD COUNCIL CABINET

DATE OF DECISION 15 November 2024

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unless the decision is called in, in accordance with section 7.25 of
the Gwynedd Council Constitution 22 November 2024

Cabinet Member: Councillor Cllr. Dilwyn Morgan, Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing

SUBJECT

Variation of the Cricieth PSPO area

DECISION

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- b) Authorize the Head of Legal Services in consultation with the Head of Adults, Health and Wellbeing to prepare and seal the amendment of the Criccieth order

REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

Please see attached officer report

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND ANY RELEVANT DISPENSATIONS APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL'S STANDARDS COMMITTEE


None

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

Consultation with
Gwynedd Council Statutory Officers
Local Member

The results of the consultations are reported upon in the attached report

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CABINET – OFFICER REPORT**

Name and title of Cabinet Member/s:	Cllr. Dilwyn Morgan, Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing
Name and title of Report Author :	Daron Marged Owens – Senior Executive Officer Community Safety Partnership
Date of Decision :	15 November 2024
Signature of Cabinet Member/s :	

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Reason why Decision is needed : A decision is needed to vary. The variation of the Cricieth Public Space Protection Order to include the High Street area is a function held by the Local Authority only.

Reason and justification behind the Decision :

Following a spate of ASB on the High Street area of Cricieth, the District Inspector for Gwynedd South made an urgent request to Cyngor Gwynedd to extend the area of the current PSPO.

During the month of September 2024, the Dispersal Power was used on four occasions by the Police in the High Street area of the town. An Inspector must authorise the use of the Dispersal Power, for a period of up to 48 hours. This is a

short-term solution to disperse anti-social individuals. The Statutory Guidance notes: *“In areas where there are regular problems, it is recommended that the police work with the local council to find a sustainable long-term solution.”* As a result of this, North Wales Police have applied to vary the area of the current PSPO, so that it also covers the area that has recently experienced ASB.

Where PSPOs are varied, there are statutory requirements regarding publicising this, and councils are required to undertake a further consultation process. Due to the severity of the impact of the persistent ASB on the local community, the request to vary the PSPO was deemed urgent. The Statutory Guidance notes: *“If a matter is particularly urgent, a shorter consultation period is likely to be proportionate”*.

Following discussions with the Communications Department of Cyngor Gwynedd, we came to a decision that a ‘drop in’ session would be most appropriate. Held in Cricieth and giving local residents the opportunity to discuss the matter face to face to share their opinions (appendix 2). This consultation event was held on the 2nd of October at Cricieth Library, attended by the District Inspector, a Police Officer and the Cyngor Gwynedd Community Safety Manager. Approximately 45 people attended to hear about the plans to vary the PSPO, in addition to understanding the Police’s response to the ongoing ASB. When the audience was asked if they supported the intention of extending the PSPO boundary, all confirmed their support and there were no objections. Members of the Town Council and the Councillor for Cricieth were also in attendance. There was also opportunity for those that were unable to attend to share comments through contacting the Community Safety department directly.

Of the consultation activity undertaken, it can be concluded that there is sufficient information to acknowledge that many people in Cricieth are concerned about Anti-social Behaviour, and recent incidents have had a considerably detrimental impact on individuals and locations within the town. There has been no suggestion of any objections to the intention to vary the current PSPO by altering and extending the area to which it applies.

Contributions from the Community Safety budget, the Police and the Town Council will address the costs of additional signage. If granted, the intention will be published for a period of one week before the Order is sealed and comes into effect.

The Equality Act 2010

In accordance with the legal duties under the Equality Act 2010, when making decisions the Council must pay due regard to the need (1) to abolish unlawful discrimination (2) promoting equal opportunities and (3) fostering good relationships based on the protected characteristics together with paying attention to socio-economic impacts.

An equality impact assessment (EIA) was undertaken in June, in relation to the process of originally implementing the PSPO (appendix 3), and the equality officer was consulted. It is not considered that the circumstances have changed from the original assessment.

The original EIA shows that the proposal has a significant positive impact on people with equality characteristics and the three goals of the equality duty. The document also demonstrates the detailed consideration given to the possible

effects on socio-economic disadvantage. A large majority of the possible effects are positive and mean that we are reducing the socio-economic gap. You will see in the document that specific steps were taken to eliminate any possible negative impact.

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

The Well-being of Future Generations Act is about improving the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of Wales. The act imposes a well-being duty on public bodies which is aimed at achieving 7 well-being goals, in accordance with 5 ways of working. The Equality Impact Assessment (appendix 3) details how the intention, and the way we have acted, complies with the Act.

Declarations of personal interest by any Cabinet Member consulted with and any relevant dispensations approved by the Standards Committee

None

Any consultations undertaken prior to making the decision :

Head of Finance – No comments from a financial propriety perspective.

Monitoring Officer – The report sets out the steps followed for establishing the variation in an appropriate manner. I can confirm that Legal Service will support the implementation of any decision made.

Local Member/s - I have read through the report and am very happy with the issues identified.



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Bryn Awelon Nursing Home

Tir-Uchaf

Nant y Wyddan

Plymouth Farm

Cemetery

Ffrwd y Brain

St Catherine's Church

Public Park Or Garden

Lon Tynllan / Radcliffe Road

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Other Sports Facility

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