

Appendix D Orders Group Meeting

Langwith PSPO

Date: 11th May 2015

Present

Deborah Whallett (DW)	BDC Housing Enforcement Officer
Louise Higgins (LH)	Anti-Social Behaviour Officer
Sarah Barraclough (SB)	Police
Kat Newton-Jones (KNJ)	Police
Matt Liddy (ML)	PCSO Shirebrook
Kevin Shillitto (KS)	BDC Legal
Carolyn Bowen (CB)	CSP
Marilyn Greveson (MG)	Specialist Housing Administrator

Apologies

Brian Murray-Carr (BMC)	BDC
Sgt Paul Smith (PS)	Police CSP
Jo Selby (JS)	CSP

Case

The meeting was called to discuss the possibility of applying for a Public Spaces Protection Order for the Langwith area.

History

For some time now there have been problems with groups of people gathering in certain areas of Langwith, causing anti social behaviour. The ASB consists of: drinking in the street, using laser pens, shouting abuse and swearing, loud music, deliberate fires and blocking the road. Residents have also been threatened with having their windows broken if they report anything to the Police. The ASB is affecting the whole neighbourhood.

Current Information

Tanya Downes appears to be the ringleader and encourages others to join in and cause ASB. Tanya has previously had an ASBO. It was felt that a Civil Injunction against Tanya would not be appropriate as any breaches of conditions could not be proved. It has proved difficult in the past to obtain statements against Tanya from anyone in the community.

SB said the main cause of the problems, other than Tanya, is the drinking as this leads to other incidents occurring.

Dispersal orders have recently been authorised. Individuals from the group have then asked Police officers what times the orders cover and where. They have then moved just outside the boundary or on to private property to continue their activities.

Decision

The group decided to proceed with the PSPO application process.

KS said all evidence would need to be gathered together and all records of any nuisance reports captured. KS said a mapped area to be covered by the PSPO would need to be agreed, and also ensure the whole residential area was included.

LH and KS will collate all information gathered to produce the report which would then be discussed with the Police for their input. The report would then go to Council for their approval before going to court.

Consideration needs to be given as to how any breaches of the PSPO would be enforced. At the moment only BDC Rangers are authorised to issue fixed penalty notices. CB said Paul Smith has written to the Chief Superintendant requesting Police Officers be authorised to issue FPN's. The Chief Superintendant is fully supportive of the request and has passed it on to the Chief Constable. PCSO's would not be able to issue FPN's. Tickets could be issued by the Council by post from information given by the Police. If fines are not paid the Council could then prosecute.

Conditions

KS said he would look at other PSPO's already granted to see what restrictions have been put in place. We could then consider adding dispersal orders for certain areas and possibly alcohol free zones.

Some consultation will be needed which could be covered by leaflet distribution or even an announcement on the Council website.

Actions

Information to be captured and sent to LH:

- List of incidents from Police

- Impact statement from Police

- List of deliberate fires would be useful

- List of Dispersal Powers authorised, including times and mapped area covered.