



## Belfast City Council

**Report to:** Health and Environmental Services Committee

**Subject:** **Bye-Laws Prohibiting the Consumption of Alcohol in Designated Places**

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### Relevant Background Information

Members will recall that, at the Health and Environmental Services Committee meeting on 4th August, permission was granted to include additional streets in future bye-laws (Appendix A). Prior to 4th August, consultation took place with:

- PSNI District A & B
- BCC Party Group Leaders
- DPP Chairs
- BCC Community Safety Team
- BCC Policy Officers Group
- Parks and Leisure (BCC)
- CSP Strategic Tier (Members include Northern Ireland Housing Executive, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, Department of Justice- Community Safety Unit, Translink, Belfast City Centre Management, NI Fire and Rescue, Youth Justice Agency, NIACRO, Belfast Education and Library Board, PBNI, Victim Support, NI Ambulance Service, NI Alternatives and Belfast Regeneration Office)

### Key Issues

Submissions have been sought since mid-April. However since the last Committee meeting on 4th August, there has been intensive inter-agency work taking place in the Lower Falls and Divis areas of West Belfast and enforcement of on-street drinking has been hindered by the absence of designated streets. Therefore, PSNI have recently requested a number of additional streets they wish to be considered for inclusion in the current review of designated streets to assist in ongoing work to tackle antisocial behaviour alongside Council and other partner organisations.

Members are requested to consider including these additional streets as set out in Appendix B within the draft bye-laws before it is sent to DSD for initial approval.

The draft bye laws will be presented to Committee at a later date for final approval, as per the statutory process.

### **Resource Implications**

A public notice is to be placed in local press regarding the making of the new bye laws. The cost is estimated at £1200 based on previous similar size notices and will be accommodated within existing revenue estimates.

There will also be costs associated with the purchase and erection of alcohol free zone signs in the areas which are newly designated. Again, these costs have been included within the 2010/2011 revenue estimates.

### **Recommendations**

To consider and approve streets listed in Appendix B as additional areas to be included with the Bye-Laws regarding consumption of intoxicating liquor in designated places.

### **Documents Attached**

#### **Appendix A**

Additional areas requested for inclusion within Alcohol Bye Laws, already approved by Health and Environmental Services Committee on 4<sup>th</sup> August.

#### **Appendix B**

Additional areas requested for inclusion within future Alcohol Bye Laws, requesting approval by Committee.

### **Abbreviations**

DPP – District Policing Partnership  
CSP – Community Safety Partnership  
PSNI – Police Service of Northern Ireland