

General Purposes Committee

Monday, 3 March 2008

Present: Councillor Peter Goldsworthy (Chair), Councillor and Councillors Nora Ball, Judith Boothman, Magda Cullens, Dennis Edgerley, Anthony Gee, Mrs Marie Gray, Catherine Hoyle, Kevin Joyce, Hasina Khan, Marion Lowe, Peter Malpas, Rosie Russell and Joyce Snape

Councillor K Ball was also in attendance.

08.GP.21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of the Vice-Chair (Councillor Mrs P Case) and Councillor M Wilson.

08.GP.22 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest by any of the Members in any of the agenda items.

08.GP.23 MINUTES

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 18 October 2007 were confirmed as a correct record for signature by the Chair.

08.GP.24 ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IN DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACES CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND POLICE ACT 2001

The Corporate Director (Neighbourhoods) submitted a report recommending the Council to undertake a consultation exercise on a proposal to make a Designated Public Place Order under the provisions of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 in respect of the area surrounding the Leisure Centre complex and Springfield Road, Coppull and the vicinity of German Lane as defined on the plan accompanying the Director's report.

With the agreement of the Committee, Councillor K Ball outlined the history of anti-social behaviour in the area and measures taken to try and address the problem.

Residents in the area of Coppull had suffered from anti-social behaviour caused by drunkenness over a long period and various schemes and measures introduced in the past had had varying degrees of success, but had failed to eradicate the problem. The Police had now supported current proposals to consult on the Order, which if introduced would provide a further tool for the Police to tackle alcohol problems. Councillor Ball asked that an extension to the area put forward in the report be considered. This would extend the area covered by the Order to include Darlington Street up to the playing fields.

RESOLVED - That the Council initiate the legal consultation and notice procedure in respect of a proposal to make a Designated Public Place Order under Section 13 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 covering the area within Coppull defined on the plan attached to the submitted report, but amended to cover the additional area of Darlington Street up to the playing fields.

Chair