

# TEST VALLEY ALCOHOL CONTROL ZONE REPORT

Date and Time: 11<sup>th</sup> October 2007

<b>Title of paper</b> : Report to update Partnership of forthcoming meeting of Council Executive to consider extension of Alcohol Control Zone		
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<b>Present at meeting:</b> Yes		
<b>Leading partner/s:</b> Test Valley Borough Council, Hampshire Constabulary		
<b>Summary of content and issues raised:</b> The report outlines a proposal which will be considered and decided upon by elected members at a forthcoming meeting of the Council's Executive.		
<b>Recommendations:</b>  i) That the Board note the report		
<b>Financial and HR Implications</b> Minimal expenditure required for advertising and signage		
<b>Promotion of Equality &amp; Diversity</b>		
Purpose of paper (tick)	Decision	
	Discussion & comment	
	Information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## BACKGROUND

The Test Valley Community Safety Partnership has identified alcohol related offending and anti social behaviour as top priorities. The Partnership's Joint Action Group has regularly identified hotspots of crime and antisocial behaviour which appear to be connected to groups of people drinking in public spaces.

For these reasons the community safety team undertook a review of the legislative powers that were available to help to address this and also looked at best practice around the country. In addition the Partnership Analyst carried out a piece of analytical work to inform this review. The conclusion was that the Council should consider extending the existing Order which relates to Andover town centre, to cover the following thirteen wards:

**Romsey (Abbey, Cupernham, Tadburn) Romsey Extra, North Baddesley, Valley Park, Chilworth, Nursling & Rownhams, Andover (Alamein, Harroway, Millway, Winton, St Mary's) Charlton.**

## Recommended to Council

### SUMMARY:

- This report considers the legislation available to the Council to make Designated Public Places Orders (DPPOs) in areas where there is evidence that members of the public have been adversely affected by alcohol related crime or antisocial behaviour. The DPPO provides for the confiscation of alcohol from anyone in the designated area whether it is perceived as antisocial or otherwise. However, Police and Accredited Officer guidelines will seek to ensure a 'commonsense' approach, supporting the application of these powers by officers in tackling problems of crime and antisocial behaviour and not seeking to effectively ban consumption of alcohol in these areas.
- It sets out the options available to the Council which are (a) to extend the current Order across the whole borough, (b) to extend the Order in areas affected and (c) to have no additional designated areas.
- The report updates Executive on the alcohol related issues and problems in Knightwood in Valley Park and the collective response to address them.

Copy of full report available on Test Valley Borough Council web-site and to be tabled on the day of meeting.