



Press Release

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Continuation of Wisbech town centre street drinking order

An order that makes it an offence to street drink in parts of Wisbech has been extended for a further three years, until 2029.

Fenland District Council's Cabinet made the decision to maintain the Wisbech alcohol Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) at a meeting on Monday (Sept 14).

After the meeting Cllr Susan Wallwork, portfolio holder for community safety, said: "The PSPO is an important tool in a wider toolkit to help police and enforcement officers tackle anti-social behaviour.

"Sadly, we know it doesn't mean there are no ongoing incidents of street drinking. What it does mean is that enforcement officers have another power at their disposal to tackle the issue and that people can report street-drinking in those areas as an offence."

A report to Cabinet said: "If the PSPO was not extended the frequency of antisocial behaviour linked to street drinking would likely increase."

It added: "Partnership performance data indicates there has been improvement in the situation following the initial introduction of the PSPO. However, incidents do continue to occur albeit at a reduced level."

The Wisbech PSPO makes it an offence to have an open alcoholic drink in three stated areas: Tillery Fields (also known as Tillery Park), Kings Walk; St Peter's Church gardens, in Church Terrace; and the memorial garden in The Crecent.

It also means across Wisbech town centre, outside of licensed and private areas, anyone believed to have been drinking alcohol must hand over alcoholic drinks to an enforcement officer if requested. The PSPO makes failing to do so an offence.

The PSPO was originally imposed in 2017.

Ends