

Sefton Public Engagement and Consultation Panel

**Meeting held on Monday 16th May 2022
Remote Meeting**

Present:

Cllr Paulette Lappin (Chair)
Georgia Ribbens – Young Advisor Lead for Sefton CVS
Joel Thornton – Sefton Young Advisors
Nigel Bellamy – VCF Sector representative, Sefton CVS
Diane Blair, Healthwatch Sefton
Debbie Appleton – Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service
Dr Mike Homfray – VCF Sector and Equalities Partnership
Mark Shaw – Service Manager, Green Sefton
Simon Evans – Senior Practitioner, ASB, Sefton Council
Gordon White – Countryside Officer, Green Sefton
Jayne Vincent - Consultation & Engagement Lead, Sefton MBC

Apologies:

Cllr Leslie Byrom (CBE) (Victoria Ward)
Cllr Tony Brough (Ainsdale Ward)
Cllr Jan Grace BA (Hons) MRes PGDip SRN (Victoria Ward)
Lyn Cooke, Head of Communications and Engagement, both CCGs

The report presented to the Public Consultation and Engagement Panel can be found here: [16th May 2022 - Consultation and Engagement Panel](#)

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<p>1. Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Apologies: Cllr Bryon, Cllr Brough, Cllr Grace, Lyn Cooke</p> <p>Cllr Dutton will no longer be a member of the Public Engagement and Consultation Panel because of the local elections. She has asked that her thanks go to all the Panel members.</p> <p>Cllr Lappin asked Jayne Vincent to contact Cllr Dutton to pass on the thanks from all the Panel members for her involvement and contributions.</p>	Jayne Vincent
<p>2. Declarations of Interest</p> <p>No declarations of any disclosable pecuniary interests or personal interests were received.</p>	
<p>3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting</p>	

<p>That the Minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2022 are a true and proper record.</p>	
<p>4. Matters Arising</p> <p>Jayne Vincent informed the Consultation and Engagement Panel that the consultations for the Housing Strategy and the landlords licensing scheme have started.</p>	
<p>5. Consultation on proposal to undertake a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for Coastal & Visitor areas of Sefton – Mark Shaw</p> <p>The Sefton Coast, and associated towns and villages are popular destinations for tourists and residents to visit – there are about 6 million people within an hour’s drive of the Coast. Although by far most visitors adhere to appropriate behaviour, there are some visitors that act in an inappropriate manner, causing distress and disturbance to residents and businesses, as well as causing damage to the infrastructure in the area. A PSPO is proposed to enable officers and partner agencies to better manage visitor behaviour at the coast and visitor areas.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member Reference Group that oversees the delivery of the Visitor Action Plan have requested that officers explore developing, consulting on, and enacting a three-year PSPO to address issues of concern on the Coast, and to areas of visitor pressure in the borough.</p> <p>The public consultation will run from the 20th May to 24th June (5 weeks) to enable the order to be active from July 2022 to July 2025.</p> <p>The intention is to engage the public and partners using the on-line consultation via the Council’s consultation portal, YourSeftonYourSay.</p> <p>Hard copy versions of the questionnaire will also be available, and all will be in easy read format.</p> <p>Background supporting information will be available on the Council’s webpages for stakeholders to consider in their responses.</p> <p>A communications plan is being developed and will include press statements and social media promotion.</p> <p>There will also be communication and an invitation to respond to the consultation to statutory partners and interest groups/forums.</p>	

Mark informed the Consultation and Engagement Panel that the survey and supporting information/maps is being developed in Easy Read and is currently in draft. He shared the draft information with the Panel.

Councillor Lappin asked if the intention is to target groups of people who may have an interest in one or more of the specific areas being proposed for the PSPO?

Mark said that will look at the stakeholder list to identify key groups and contacts and statutory bodies too.

Councillor Lappin asked whether the maps could be more accessible?

Mark said that he will look at making the maps as accessible as possible.

Nigel Bellamy said that the questions seem more relevant to the coast. The inland areas may need different questions and perhaps specific to neighbourhood areas.

Mark said that he will look at the questions to see if it is possible to 'branch out' from question 1.

Debbie Appleton raised several suggestions regarding the survey:

- Could where it mentions Fire Service be changed to Fire & Rescue Service
- Explain what is meant by an event/gathering – perhaps include an example
- Remove 'a good idea'
- As well as 'collecting money' – perhaps also include 'selling things'
- Include an example to explain powered flights
- Where it mentions unauthorised vehicles/drones mention that emergency vehicles and drones are not included.
- Consider separating fires out as a section
- Agree that splitting Q1 might be helpful

Mike Homfray felt that the questions were phrased well, but that it is a long survey and wondered who the audience is? Mike felt that it is likely to get a response from people who feel strongly about the issue.

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