

<b>Committee(s):</b>	<b>Date(s):</b>
Safer City Partnership Strategy Board	<b>5 September 2022</b>
<b>Subject: Agenda Item 9</b> Extension to London Marathon Public Spaces Protection Order	<b>Public</b>
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## Summary

The current London Marathon Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) has effectively mitigated the ASB and violent disorder previously experienced with certain sections of the race route through the City of London.

It is proposed that the City of London Corporation extend the PSPO for another 3 years before its expiration in March 2023.

## Recommendation

Members are asked to consider and discuss this report and lend their support for the extension of the London Marathon PSPO.

## Main Report

### Background

1. On the 5 March 2020, the Corporation’s Court of Common Council ratified the City of London Marathon PSPO<sup>1</sup>. This was in response to the reoccurring issue of serious ASB and violent public disorder along the section of the London Marathon route through the City of London due to public intoxication and the use of psychoactive substances.
2. The PSPO granted City Police additional powers to prevent public drinking in specific areas, by refusing entry to designated areas to those carrying alcohol or nitrous oxide, or by confiscation of these by those within the area. Those persons

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<sup>1</sup> See Appendix 1

contravening the PSPO could be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) of £100.

3. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the PSPO was not deployed until the October 2021, when the London Marathon returned to its usual route through the City of London.
4. Prior to the implementation of the PSPO, the City Police made 7 arrests during the 2019 London Marathon race. During the October 2021 race, no FPNs were issued and no arrests were made by the City Police.

### **Current Position**

5. Section 60 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, stipulates that a PSPO is valid for up to 3 years. Therefore, the current London Marathon PSPO will remain valid until March 2023 – covering the forthcoming October 2022 race.
6. Before the time when a PSPO is due to expire, the Corporation (i.e. the local authority) may extend the order period for which it has effect if satisfied on reasonable grounds that doing so is necessary to prevent the occurrence or recurrence after that time of the activities identified in the original order.
7. There are serious concerns held by partners, that without extending the London Marathon PSPO and the powers associated with the order, the ASB and disorder previously experienced before its implementation will return, causing significant reputational and corporate damage.
8. The proposed extension of the current PSPO beyond March 2023 is supported by the Corporation's Highways and Public Protection teams, as well as the City Police's Licensing Team and Bronze Group for the London Marathon.

### **Process and Next Steps**

9. A public consultation/survey for feedback on the proposed extension to the PSPO will be open in September 2022. In addition, there will be additional work engaging those Members, residents and businesses in the immediate area of the PSPO.
10. A paper outlining the proposal will be presented relevant committees before taking the issue to Policy and Resources Committee. Following this, the proposal will go to the January/February 2023 meeting of the Court of Common Council with the intention that the order be in place for the London Marathon in April 2023.

### **Conclusion**

11. It is proposed that the Corporation should extend the current London Marathon PSPO for a further 3 years. It would demonstrate the Corporation continue to

work in partnership and take steps to safeguard the public from ASB and public disorder, protect this important global event and make the most effective use of Police resources.

## **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – London Marathon Public Spaces Protection Order

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## Appendix 1