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Sent: 11 October 2017 13:55
To: Town Hall <townhall@ryetowncouncil.gov.uk>
Subject: Consultation PSPO

Dear Sir/Madam,

We work with the police to control anti-social behaviour, with the police taking the lead in serious cases.

We are consulting about making a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to help reduce anti-social behaviour in our district. We already have a PSPO controlling dogs. I would be grateful if you could advise me whether your Council believes any of these controls are needed or justified in your Parish or Town. It would be helpful if you could respond before the end of December.

Our proposals

1. Nuisance Begging:
No person shall carry out persistent begging or loiter in a position to beg or solicit money in the vicinity of any cash machine or shop entrance. For these purposes loitering means "standing or waiting around without apparent purpose".
2. Sleeping in vehicles etc
No person shall occupy for the purposes of sleeping or residing in stationary vehicles on the highway and any public open spaces (where the public can access without payment) between 23:00 and 07:00.
3. Drinking alcohol in a public place, after being told not to
No person shall consume alcohol or have an open alcohol container in any public place after having been requested by an Authorised Officer or Police Constable to cease consumption or hand over the container. This provision does not apply to alcohol being consumed on licensed premises or on pavements owned by the business or occupied under licence from East Sussex Highway Authority or on land which has the benefit of a Temporary Event Notice (Licensing Act 2003).
4. Dangerous cycling etc
No person shall cycle, skateboard or use any vehicle (whether mechanically propelled or not) on the Bexhill promenade (adjacent to West Parade, Marina and De La Warr Parade) and on any pavement in a reckless or wanton manner, including travelling at excessive speed, or travelling without paying due care and attention to others or conditions pertaining at the time.
5. Fly-tipping by residents or businesses on the streets
No person shall deposit household waste originating from any premises, or any industrial or commercial waste, in or beside a litter bin.
6. Fossils
No person shall remove or attempt to remove fossils from the beach or foreshore.

Yours faithfully,
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Sent: Thursday, 12 October 2017, 9:02
Subject: RDC Tourism re future management of our Rye visitor events grant

Dear Richard

I'm contacting regarding our Rother District Council (RDC) Tourism £9,000 Rye visitor events grant budget. As you're aware in 2014 we agreed to offer Rye Town Council (RTC) the opportunity to manage this grants budget to support a range of new (or existing) visitor events through agreed service level agreement (SLA) conditions.

We note that the Town Council has supported a number of events over the two years with particular note to the newly established Ukulele festival and the enhancement of the Christmas festival.

Officers, in consultation with ward Members, have been discussing the future management of our events budget and have made the decision to bring the management of the £9,000 Rye visitor events grant back in-house. It is felt that moving the management of this budget in-house will enable officers to ensure that the money is allocated to a range of events that align with our cultural and tourism priorities. This system works well in Bexhill and we hope to replicate this within Rye.

As you're already aware officers have highlighted a number of concerns during these two SLA periods regarding the management of our budget with reference to the SLA conditions, whereby unfortunately in a number of instances these conditions have not been met. We have particular concern regarding the management of the grant promotion, liaison with all applicants, the bid assessment and event evaluation stages. Regarding the latter, a key condition for members is our monitoring and the evaluation, which our agreed SLA states should be received within 8 weeks of the event. This condition has never been met (some evaluations never received, others up to a year late) impacting significantly on our reporting to justify value for money of this spend. We are also aware that a number of interested Rye event organisers have not been able to apply for this funding and have subsequently come to us to fund them. This shows the double issue that a) they are not aware that Rye Events Grant comes from RDC funds and b) that they are finding the process difficult to navigate.

We envisage our two Rye ward Members to work with us and advise on grant assessment decisions on all future applications received for Rye and surrounding areas. This system works fairly and efficiently administering our teams other in-house grants through an open application form and discussion with the portfolio holder signing off all grant allocations.

Officers will make all event organisers aware of this Rye events funding opportunity and would look to implement the grants process inviting applications this month. We haven't had notification from RTC of any current applications received but if there are any bids in could you please forward them to us, we will assess them alongside all other applications with our ward Members.

Thank you. Kind regards

Donna M F Hall RDC Cultural Development & Events Officer (p/t Weds - Fri)