

**QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED OF EXECUTIVE  
COUNCILLORS AT THE COUNCIL EXECUTIVE  
MEETING 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2005**

**1. Question from Councillor Sarah Webb**

Minute 9 of the Housing and Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny panel held on 10th May 2005 stated the following:

“Members of the Panel suggested that this successful Order could be used in the areas other than Bath City Centre and that the Community Safety and Drugs Partnership continue to have regular meetings with the Police in regards of the Street Drinking Ban.”

Could the Executive Member for Community Safety clarify whether the Police are permitted to use the Order in areas other than Bath City Centre under the resolution passed by Council in March 2004?

**Answer to be given by Executive Councillor Vic Pritchard**

The Local Authority adopted the Order on 23rd April 2004 further to a comprehensive consultation process. It was agreed that the Order would include the area of Bath City Centre. This area includes all of the 'built up area' of Bath City Centre encompassing Larkhall and Weston in the north, Odd Down and Combe Down in the south, Twerton in the west and Claverton Down in the east. The Order is enforceable within 'public places'. A public place is any place to which the public has the right of access either freely or on payment.

The Police, when consulted prior to the Order being introduced, fully supported the Order to encompass the whole of Bath City Centre. The Police will enforce these powers, if necessary, within the designated area to tackle street drinking.

The Community Safety and Drugs Partnership are in contact with the Police on a daily basis to address all community safety and drugs issues, including street drinking. In addition, existing structures within the Partnership enable key community issues to be identified and addressed early.

**Supplementary question from Councillor Sarah Webb**

Given that the incidences of illegal street drinking are still continuing, I would like to urge members of the public to report these and would the Executive Member consider appropriate signage on street furniture so that all members of the public are aware of the Order?

**Answer to be given by Executive Councillor Vic Pritchard**

I can consider this; if signs are erected on street furniture etc then the Highways department will need to be contacted and consulted. The Historic Buildings team advise that if signs are requested on listed buildings, they require listed buildings

consent. For Grade 1 listed buildings, the process for consent can take up to 12 weeks. For a Grade 2 listed buildings, this can be up to 8 weeks. The Council is required to advertise any proposal for 21 days and if the Council receives more than three representations, then the application is required to go to Committee. As you can see, there are a number of options and I will take measures to apply those that are appropriate.

**2. Question from Councillor Marie Brewer (Cllr Brewer was not present)**

Could the Executive Member for Community Safety give an update on the proposal for 'alleygates' behind Chandag Shops?

**Answer to be given by Executive Councillor Vic Pritchard**

Consultation on the introduction of 'alleygates' behind Chandag Road shops in Keynsham has been completed, led by the Community Safety and Drugs Partnership. Headline results are;

88 % in favour

22 % response rate

no opposition from 40 canvassed young people;

only 3 'no' votes from adults.

These results give a clear mandate to go forward with the installation of the alleygates.

PC Rob Saunders is leading on the installation and will be liaising with shops and contractors. We are presently liaising with the Council's Waste department with regard to co-ordinating the 'tidying up' of the area to ensure an efficient and effective installation of the alleygates.

*[If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact PC Saunders directly on 01225 842530.]*

**3. Question from Councillor Tim Warren (Cllr Warren was not present)**

Last year I presented the results of a Temple Cloud resident's survey to the Council Executive on the subject of traffic. The response from the Transportation department stated that if I had any specific concerns arising from the survey I could raise them with the department.

There is a need for a variable messaging sign in Temple Cloud to reduce the speed of motorists. I have raised this previously as far back as February, but was only told in May the department was in the process of getting a site organised and it would take a few months.

- a) Could I have an update on how this issue is progressing from the Executive Councillor?
- b) Could the timescale of 'a few months' be reduced?

**Answer to be given by Executive Councillor Sir Elgar Jenkins**

The work has been programmed and is being progressed as quickly as possible. However, the suppliers of the unit have not yet fixed a date for delivery. Once this is known, Cllr. Warren will be contacted with a more accurate update. I can assure Cllr. Warren that this project will be completed as soon as practically possible.