

## Report No.5

### Report to Policy and Resources Committee 6<sup>h</sup> February 2019

#### Signage in Cloister Gardens

##### 1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To inform the committee of a request to install appropriate signage in Cloister Gardens

##### 2. Background

- 2.1 The area of space known as Cloister Gardens is leased to the Town Council on a long lease from the owners of Abbey House.
- 2.2 The owner of Abbey House has requested that signs be positioned within the gardens in an attempt to reduce the instances of anti-social behaviour.
- 2.3 At times the area has proved to be an attractive location enabling a range of activities to be undertaken, some causing disturbance to quiet enjoyment.
- 2.4 It has been suggested that these incidents have been increasing and the local Police Community Support Officer has requested that signs be placed within the gardens discouraging loitering.

##### 3. Proposals

- 3.1 The area does fall within the area of the Town subject to the bylaws aimed at banning drinking alcohol in public places.

##### 4. Financial implications and risks

- 4.1 Notices were installed when the bylaws were first introduced but a recent audit has shown that several have been removed.
- 4.2 The replacement of appropriate notices would enable action to be taken by the police.

##### 5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are requested to note the report and instruct the Town Clerk on the action to be taken.

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29<sup>th</sup> January 2019.