

# Safe in the City Partnership

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## LATS

A paper was presented about improving the functioning of Local Action Teams. The aim being to improve the functioning of the LATs and the network as a whole to offer strong, representative and independent community voices, better able to raise and reflect community concerns, work collaboratively with other stakeholders to seek community and neighbourhood improvements in relation to community safety.

Key points noted were:

- There are 32 LATs in the city that vary in composition, function, and purpose but the project would work with strengths and ambitions of all.
- Financial support – funds had been made available by BHCC for expenses but these would no longer be available under the new model. LATS would be supported to apply for funds from other sources.
- Financial support for LATs Chairs meetings currently being resourced by Community Safety budget
- Police will continue to try where resources allow, to attend and contribute to LATS meetings.
- Training for LAT Chairs will be provided in phase 2 of the project in partnership with TDC (Trust for Developing Communities).
- LATs have been consulted and involved and engagement has been positive. A LAT training day is on the 25 April.
- Proposal received good support from meeting attendees.

## Public Spaces Protection Orders

The public consultation available on the consultation Portal on PSPO in City Parks and Open Spaces has resulted in queries from sites not included in the areas where PSPO's will be applied. The sites were chosen on the basis of where there is substantial evidence of nuisance and annoyance caused by some people using those areas

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1. Greenway (adjacent to railway New England Quarter)
2. Hollingbury Park (to include the car park north of the park)
3. Lawn Memorial Cemetery and adjacent land (Woodingdean)
4. Preston Park
5. Rottingdean Recreation Ground
6. The seafront including the A259 from Black Rock to Hove Lagoon

7. Sheepcote Valley and East Brighton Park
8. St Helens Green
9. Stanmer Park
10. Surrenden Field
- 11. Waterhall**
- 12. Wild Park**

## **Brighton and Hove Draft Rough Sleeping Strategy**

A snapshot of a single night estimated that there were 78 people rough sleeping in B&H. There are concerns that this figure will increase with the continuing impact of welfare reforms and high cost of accessing and sustaining accommodation in the City's private rented sector.

Comment on the draft strategy are encouraged and the consultation is open at <http://consult.brighton-hove.gov.uk/portal> until 17 April