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- Your name: Councillor Heledd Fychan, Pontypridd Town Ward
- Are you aware of the Intoxicating Substances (Including Alcohol) PSPO I.e. That the whole of RCT is a 'Controlled Drinking Zone' and Pontypridd and Aberdare Town Centres are 'Intoxicating Substances Exclusion Zones'? Yes
- Do you support the extension of the RCT borough wide 'Controlled Drinking Zone' for a further 3 years? Yes and no. Yes if it proves to be more effective than it has been and is properly resourced by the Council to deliver, no if the scheme continues as is and is mainly left to the police to implement.
- Do you support the extension of the 'Intoxicating Substances Exclusion Zones' in Pontypridd and Aberdare Town Centres for a further 3 years? Same answer as above. Even today, people were openly drinking in the town centre and anti social behaviour is a real problem. The PSPO has not solved the problems facing Pontypridd.
- In your opinion, what elements of the current PSPO work? When the police enforce, it has been effective but they are not adequately supported by the enforcement officers of the council due to lack of resource. I don't think it is the right solution for the wider problems facing the town.
- Are there any improvements that you would like to suggest for consideration if the PSPO is extended for a further 3 years? Properly resource; greater awareness; if to continue, extend to nearby streets too but with resource to enforce as when enforced it does push ASB into residential areas. Removal of Mill Street Hostel and other support services from the town centre would make the biggest impact.
- Please include any figures/anecdotal evidence that you have obtained in relation to the PSPO. I have witnessed on too many occasions people drinking in the town centre, at all times of day. I know from local police they are frustrated by lack of support from RCT in terms of enforcement, and that much of the work has fallen to them. We need to be mindful when looking at data of lockdown not providing an accurate picture. ASB still a huge problem in our town. People have gotten fed up of reporting to 101, thinking nothing will change. Instead, they avoid our town centre. The Cabinet Member has refused my requests for a meeting to discuss this issue so I very much hope this consultation will be listened to.

