Special CAT Meeting
Town Centre Drug Misuse
12 June 2019
Welcome

Meeting Chairman
Councillor Tom Davies
Introduction

Councillor Seán Woodward
Executive Leader of Fareham Borough Council
Why we are here this evening – the agenda

- Responding to resident and business contacts about town centre drug misuse
- We want to listen to your concerns and views
- Explain how community safety partners are working together to tackle the problem and future plans
- Discuss how you can help
Residents and businesses are telling us that they are most affected by:

- Criminal activities:
  - Damage to property
  - Shop lifting
- Drug taking and dealing in public
- Begging
- Littering:
  - Drug paraphernalia
  - Bodily fluids
  - Excrement
Contributory factors

- Fareham is safe and prosperous – an attractive place to come to for drug users
- Generosity of residents and businesses – helping beggars and street homeless
- Numbers of drug users – as one is moved on, another takes their place
Tackling the issue – the Council

• Monthly multi-agency Partnership Action Group facilitated by Community Safety Team
• Enforcement Team
• Remove litter and belongings
• Lock down car parks in the evening
• CCTV
• Street Aid
Tackling the issue – the Police

- Tackling issues in the town centre around Anti-Social Behaviour and use of drugs is our Policing Priority

- In the last two weeks, two separate seizures of drugs and three people arrested for drug supply offences

- Pursuing Criminal Behaviour Orders in Court for two aggressive beggars; one person currently in prison for Breaching an Order

- Working with the businesses in the town centre to strengthen Banning Orders
Tackling the issue - Inclusion

• Information and Advice
• Substitute Prescribing
• Needle exchange & harm minimisation
• Wellbeing and Blood Bourne Virus screening & treatment
• Group Work programs
• 1-1 support
• Peer support
• Bespoke recovery planning
• Detox
• Family Support
• In reach (QA)
• Outreach services
How residents and businesses can help

- Report information to the Police
- Don’t give to/support street homeless/beggars – however hard it seems
- Donate to local charities working with rough sleepers:
  - One Community
  - Acts of Kindness
  - Two Saints
- Tell us where there is a problem
Next steps

- We will act on what you’ve told us (within current powers)
- Provide a local Police contact point
  fareham.police@hampshire.pnn.police.uk
- Provide Two Saints local point for Fareham & Gosport Outreach
  Fareham&GosportOutreach@twosaints.org.uk
Open Forum

• Your views and questions
• Speak to agencies here today