

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Name of activity:	Public Space Protection Orders for Dogs	Date Completed:	08/08/23
Directorate / Division responsible for activity:	Growth	Lead Officer:	Chris Arm
Existing Activity	X	New / Proposed Activity	
		Changing / Updated Activity	

What are the aims / main purposes of the activity?

Approval is being sought to renew the amended Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) for dogs for another three years.

PSPOs provide the council with powers to regulate certain activities relating to dogs, within defined areas.

What are the main actions and processes involved?

Legislation requires the Council to undertake consultation prior to renewing existing PSPO on the proposed restrictions and to outline the behaviours that the PSPO aims to tackle.

A report will be made to committee following consultation, outlining the findings and any recommendations on renewal.

Who is intended to benefit & who are the main stakeholders?

Benefits visitors and residents; Stakeholders include police, parish and town councils and internal services including greenspace, cleansing and community safety.

Have you already consulted on / researched the activity?

An online public consultation survey was conducted between 3 and 31 July 2023 incl. and 396 completed questionnaire responses were received plus 214 additional comments, all who were overwhelmingly in favour of renewing the amended PSPO (Dog controls) for another 3 years from November 2023.

Impact on people with a protected characteristic (What is the potential impact of the activity? Are the impacts high, medium, or low?)

Protected characteristics / groups	Is there an impact (Yes / No)	If yes, what is it and identify whether it is positive or negative
Age (older / younger people, children)	No	
Disability (people with physical / sensory impairment or mental disability)	Yes	Restrictions within the PSPO could impact registered blind and others with a disability who are in charge of an assistance dog. Proposed include exemptions in relation to the above.
Gender reassignment (the process of transitioning from one gender to another.)	No	
Marriage & civil partnership (Marriage is defined as a 'union between a man and a woman'. Civil partnerships are legally recognized for same-sex couples)	No	
Pregnancy & maternity (Pregnancy is the condition of being pregnant & maternity)	No	

refers to the period after the birth)		
Race (ethnicity, colour, nationality or national origins & including gypsies, travellers, refugees & asylum seekers)	No	
Religion & belief (religious faith or other group with a recognised belief system)	No	
Sex (male / female)	No	
Sexual orientation (lesbian, gay, bisexual, heterosexual)	No	
Whilst Socio economic disadvantage that people may face is not a protected characteristic; the potential impact on this group should be also considered	Yes	PSPOs create offences which can result in fixed penalty notices (FPN) and/or prosecution and would be of a greater impact to people with lower income.

What evidence has been used to assess the impacts?

Officer insight and experience. Relevant comments from previous public consultation in 2020. Existing PSPO for Dogs (2020). Reviewed and updated from a new Public Consultation for 2023 which received 396 survey responses between 3 and 31 July 2023 incl. 214 additional comments were received during the consultation process, Member (Cllr.) comments, internal consultees and other Stakeholders have all been consulted during this process and their comments noted and considered.

Decision following initial assessment

Continue with existing or introduce new / planned activity	Y	Amend activity based on identified actions	N
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Action Plan			
Impact identified	Action required	Lead Officer	Deadline
None.			

Monitoring & Review	
Date of last review or Impact Assessment:	20/09/20
Date of next 12-month review:	09/08/23
Date of next 3-year Impact Assessment (from the date of this EIA):	

Date EIA completed:	09/08/23
Signed by Person Completing:	C Arm