

## Wyre Forest District Council

### Record of a Council Decision delegated to be made by an Officer

This includes a record of an Executive Decision made by an officer under Regulation 13, Part 4 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

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| <b>Item decided:</b>   |   |
| To commence consultation on extending public space protection orders (PSPOs) in respect of alcohol and dogs. |   |
| <b>Officer who has taken the decision</b>  | Chief Executive   |
| <b>Date of the decision</b>  | 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2020   |
| <b>Reason for the decision/alternatives considered</b>   | <p>The review document produced by West Mercia Police on behalf of the Community Safety Partnership provided detailed data on incidents involving various types of anti-social behaviour including alcohol.</p> <p>Its conclusions were:</p> <p>“In the Bewdley Designated Public Place Order (DPPO), incidents of ASB have declined slightly. However alcohol related incidents have remained consistent across the three years.</p> <p>It is therefore recommended that the DPPO be transferred to a PSPO.</p> <p>Within the Stourport DPPO, incidents of ASB have declined slightly. However alcohol related incidents have increased during 2019 to 2020 when compared with 2018 to 2019.</p> <p>It is therefore recommended that the DPPO be transferred to a PSPO.”</p> <p>(Note: the DPPOs were automatically transitioned into PSPOs when the Anti Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 came into force but the transitional arrangements come to an end in October 2020.)</p> <p>The alternative of not consulting on extending the PSPOs relating to alcohol was discounted as it would have been inconsistent with the data from West Mercia Police’s review.</p> |

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|  | <p>The equivalent review of the dog control PSPO found that eight penalty notices had been issued for dog fouling in the period January 2014 to September 2017 whereas 34 had been issued in the period since October 2017. This probably demonstrates the more effective range of tools in the PSPO (including penalties for not having a means to pick up) rather than necessarily showing a change in the incidence of dog fouling. However the increased number of penalty notices shows that issues relating to dog control, particularly fouling, remain a significant issue across the district.</p> <p>The alternative of not consulting on extending the PSPO relating to dog control was discounted as it would have been inconsistent with the data from the review and would leave the Council with no means to take action against irresponsible dog owners.</p> <p>Documents considered: North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership Review of Public Space Protection Orders and Designated Public Place Orders, 1 April 2017 to 23 March 2020 (West Mercia Police); Review of Dog Control Public Space Protection Orders, 1 October 2017 to 23 March 2020, Key Findings (Community Services Manager, WFDC)</p> |
| <p><b>Date and source of Delegated Decision (if appropriate)</b></p> | <p>30<sup>th</sup> April 2020. Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Community Protection (delegated by the Leader) to give delegated authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Community Protection to commence a consultation period on the PSPOs, subject to the findings of the evidence-gathering exercises demonstrating that it is appropriate and proportionate to introduce a PSPO.</p>  |

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| <b>Council/Cabinet member consulted – if applicable</b>  | Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Community Protection |
| <b>Any interest declared by the Consultee or officer</b> | None   |