

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 2 November 2015

Portfolio	Public Protection
Subject:	Dog Fouling Strategy and Public Space Protection Order Consultation
Report of:	Director of Operations
Strategy/Policy:	
Corporate Objectives:	A Safe and Healthy Place to Live and Work

Purpose:

To address the issue of dog fouling within the Borough, which the Executive Leader raised as an issue in need of attention at the meeting of the Council in February 2015.

Authorisation is sought to undertake a communications campaign to raise awareness, and for a formal consultation on the making of a Public Spaces Protection Order, in accordance with the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

The Executive Leader of the Council raised dog fouling within the Borough as one of a number of issues in need of attention in his presentation at the meeting of the Council in February 2015. In response it is proposed that a campaign be undertaken to raise awareness of the issue and encourage residents to report dog fouling.

Fareham Borough Council currently relies upon a byelaw to prosecute people who do not clear up after their dog has fouled. Prosecution is however intended to be "last resort" enforcement measure, is expensive and not always in the public interest. Authorised officers were previously able to issue Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) for this offence under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996. The Act has now been repealed, along with the ability to introduce Dog Control Orders, which means that FPNs can no longer be issued without a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) being in place. Authorisation is sought to undertake a public consultation to allow a PSPO to be put in place across the Borough.

Options Considered:

At the invitation of the Executive Leader Councillors Mrs K K Trott and R H Price, JP, addressed the Executive on this item.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees:

- (a) that a consultation exercise be run between 16 November 2015 and 11 January 2016 on a draft Public Spaces Protection Order, in accordance with section 72 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime Policing Act 2014;

- (b) to a communications campaign to raise awareness of dog fouling issues; and
- (c) an increase of the Fixed Penalty Notice fine for not clearing up after a dog has fouled from £75 to £100.

Reason:

To enable a strategy to be developed to reduce the incidence of dog fouling in the Borough.

Confirmed as a true record: Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Review of Hackney Carriage Fares
Report of:	Director of Community
Strategy/Policy:	
Corporate Objectives:	

Purpose:

To set the level of Hackney Carriage Tariff for licensed vehicles in the Borough.

Each year the views of the taxi trade are sought in respect of whether they wish the Council to consider an increase to the taxi tariff. Following a request for an amended tariff by the Fareham Hackney Carriage Association earlier this year, a newsletter was sent to the taxi trade, which sought their view on whether they wished to have an increase to the taxi tariff and also informed of the increase proposed by the Hackney Carriage Association. Apart from the Association proposal no other comments or proposals were received. This matter was considered by the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee at its meeting on 22nd September 2015, the Committee resolved to recommend the changes put forwarded by the Hackney Carriage Association to the Executive when setting the level of tariff.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees to amend the current Hackney Carriage tariff so that:

- (a) there is a standard charge for any luggage carried outside the passenger compartment of 50p; and
- (b) the maximum charge for fouling a vehicle be increased to £70.

Reason:

The tariff was last increased in 2008 and the request from the Hackney Carriage Association on this occasion is relatively modest in that they have only requested the following two increases:-

- (a) a change to the cost of carrying luggage. Instead of 'For each article of luggage carried outside of the passenger compartment - 10p', it was proposed to change to 'A charge of 50p will be made when luggage is carried outside of the passenger compartment'. This will mean a change of 50p regardless of the amount of luggage carried; and
- (b) to change the fee for fouling a vehicle from 'A Maximum charge of £45 may be made against any person fouling the vehicle' to 'A Maximum charge of £70 may be made against any person fouling the vehicle or allowing an animal to foul the vehicle'.

Confirmed as a true record: Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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Portfolio

Subject: Vannes/Fareham Twinning Sculpture

Report of:

Strategy/Policy:

**Corporate
Objectives:**

Purpose:

To propose an alternative location and design for the sculpture and explanatory plaque being commissioned to mark the 50th anniversary of the twinning between Fareham and Vannes.

On 12th October 2015, the Executive considered a report outlining proposals for how the Borough Council might wish to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the twinning between Fareham and Vannes. As a result of the discussion, members requested that officers review the location of the commemorative sculpture and consider possible changes to the design.

As a result of the review it is proposed that the commemorative sculpture be located in Westbury Manor Gardens and that the explanatory plaque, an integral part of the sculpture, is redesigned to include both town crests and images of sailing to reflect the original links between the two areas that resulted in the twinning arrangement.

Options Considered:

The comments of the deputation were taken into account in considering this item.

At the invitation of the Executive Leader Councillor Mrs K K Trott addressed the Executive on this item.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive approves:

- (a) that the 50th anniversary sculpture is installed in Westbury Manor Gardens, with the Civic Gardens being held as a 'reserve' site; and
- (b) that the design of the explanatory plaque is changed to include both town crests and sailing images.

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Reason:

To locate the sculpture in a more central position within Fareham Town Centre, and to take account of some of the historical background to the twinning arrangement.

Confirmed as a true record: Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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