

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

2018/19  
Decision No.  
2094

### Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 4 March 2019

<b>Portfolio</b>	Health and Public Protection
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	Director of Planning & Regulation
<b>Corporate Priority:</b>	Protect and enhance the environment

**Purpose:**

To seek Executive authorisation to make a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO), relating to dog control, in accordance with the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

On 07 March 2016, the Executive authorised the making of Public Spaces Protection Order (Dog Fouling) 2016. These can be made for a maximum duration of three years, after which it may be extended. The current PSPO will expire on 31 March 2019 unless extended. However, instead of extending the current order, the proposal is to introduce a new order that not only included dog fouling but other restrictions covering dog control as well.

On 05 November 2018, the Executive authorised the commencement of the required consultation on a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) relating to dog fouling and control in the Borough. An 8-week consultation was undertaken from 19 November 2018 to 14 January 2019, the results of which are summarised in this report and in more detail in Appendix A.

1,168 people and organisations took part in the consultation, 65% of whom were dog owners. Most respondents strongly supported most of the proposals. However, there were mixed responses received for both the 'means to pick up' dog waste and the proposed 'extension of the summer dog exclusion zone at Hill Head'. There was also a suggested amendment to the Council's definition of people who rely on assistance dogs.

The draft Public Space Protection Order (Dog Control) has been amended to take account of the response to the public consultation. As a result, the controls relating to 'means for pick', extending the 'dog exclusion zone' on Hill Head beach and 'dogs on leads' on Cliff Road Promenade' have been removed from the original draft order.

The definition of those people who rely on 'assistance dogs' has also been amended to reflect the definition identified in the Equality Impact Assessment.

**Options Considered:**

A tabled item was presented in respect of this item to correct paragraph 11 to show that the % of respondents who felt that dog fouling had improved since the 'Oops out of Poops' campaign was launched was 57% and not 55%.

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillor R H Price, JP, addressed the Executive on this item.

As recommendation.

**Decision:**

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees:

- (a) that the draft Public Spaces Protection Order presented to the Executive on 05 November 2018 is amended as follows:
  - i. the 'means of pick up' is excluded from the order;
  - ii. the proposed extension of the 'dog exclusion zone' on Hill Head beach is excluded from the order;
  - iii. the proposed 'dogs on lead' on Cliff Road Promenade is excluded from the order;
  - iv. alteration to the definition of people who rely on assistance dogs be included as per paragraph 31;
- (b) the making of the Public Spaces Protection Order (Dog Control) 2019 as contained in Appendix B of the report;
- (c) that delegated authority be given to the Head of Streetscene to carry out all necessary publicity required by virtue of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (Publication of Public Spaces Protection Orders) Regulations; and
- (d) that the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel be asked to review sports pitches across the Borough.

**Reason:**

To enable enforcement of dog control by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice throughout the Borough.

**Confirmed as a true record:**

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)  
Monday, 4 March 2019