

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2023/24
Decision No.
2451

Record of Decision by Executive Portfolio for Health and Public Protection

Tuesday, 20 June 2023

Portfolio	Health and Public Protection
Subject:	Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priority:	Leisure opportunities for health and fun; Protect and enhance the environment

Purpose:

The report sets out the results of the recent Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) engagement exercise for an additional dog exclusion zone at Hill Head beach. The report requests consideration by the Executive Member and a decision on the making of an updated Public Places Protection Order (Dog Control).

At the 06 March 2023 Executive meeting a draft PSPO was presented which included an additional seasonal dog exclusion zone at Hill Head beach between the 01 October and 31 March. At the meeting it was agreed that a consultation on the draft Order be conducted.

The consultation ran from 02 May 2023 to 30 May 2023. Overall, the Council received 262 responses of which 195 (74%) were in favour of the proposal. The main theme from those in favour of the proposal focused around ensuring that there would be sufficient enforcement to ensure the exclusion is adhered to, if implemented.

From those who were not in favour of the proposal, the main theme was that there are other bird disturbances at Hill Head beach other than dogs such as people, water sports and boats.

If the draft PSPO, attached at Appendix A to the report, is approved signage will be put in place at the exclusion zone. The signage would be designed by Bird Aware Solent in conjunction with Fareham Borough Council.

The draft PSPO would come into effect on 30 June 2023.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection agrees the making of the draft Public Spaces Protection Order attached at Appendix A to the report.

Reason:

To allow the introduction of an additional dog exclusion zone at Hill Head beach.

Confirmed as a true record:

Executive Member for Health and Public Protection (Councillor Joanne Burton)

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