



EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

To: Cllr Julia Huffer, Chairman Operational Services Committee	My Ref:
From: Liz Knox Environmental Services Manager	Your Ref:
cc: Cllr David Ambrose Smith, Vice Chairman Operational Services Committee, John Hill, Chief Executive & Jo Brooks, Director Operations	Date: 29.12.21

ACTION ON THE GROUNDS OF URGENCY –Renewal of the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for Dog Fouling

The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 gave powers to local authorities to introduce Public Space Protection Orders (“PSPO”) to control a range of issues linked to anti-social behaviour, including the control of dogs.

A PSPO can last up to 3 years, after which it must be reviewed and renewed. There is no limit on the number of times an order may be reviewed and renewed. The previous PSPO for dog fouling in the District was adopted in October 2018 and has now expired. It is necessary to renew the PSPO after 3 years to ensure that enforcement action can be taken if necessary.

A consultation was undertaken between 19th August 2021 and 26th September 2021 to obtain views on the potential renewal of the existing PSPO. The consultation was advertised on social media and on the council website. Paper copies were available from the council reception. The results of the consultation were in favour for the renewal of the PSPO.

As the previous PSPO has expired, the Council is unable to take any enforcement action and the next Operational Services Committee is scheduled for March 2022. Officer delegation to renew the PSPO as a matter of urgency is requested under paragraph 5 of the Terms of Reference for Operational Services Committee as detailed under Part 3 of the Council’s Constitution as set out below:

The Chief Executive or Directors or appropriate Service Leads, are authorised to act in relation to any matter of immediate urgency, which must be dealt with before the next meeting of the Committee provided:

- *The Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Committee is consulted prior to the delegated decisions being made;*
- *Spokespersons of minority grounds are notified immediately of any action taken under this delegated power;*
- *Action taken is reported to the next Committee; and*
- *It excludes any decision, which is by law expressly vested in Council.*

Thank you for your attention.

Liz Knox
Environmental Services Officer

I agree with the actions detailed above.

Signed

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Cllr Julia Huffer, Chairman Operational Services Committee

Date: 13th Jan 2022

