



PSPO Dog Control Recommendations

Pre-Decision Scrutiny

Environmental Scrutiny Presentation – 19th March 2019



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1. Cabinet Decision – 12th July 2018

Decision.

RESOLVED: that

1. Officers be authorised to undertake a 6 -12 week public consultation exercise on the proposal to introduce a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 to introduce dog controls in areas across the Cardiff and to report back to Cabinet.

2. the consultation for dog control specifically looks at:

- the prohibition of dog fouling in all public places owned and/or maintained by the Council,
- the exclusion of dogs in all enclosed playgrounds, marked sports pitches and Schools, which are owned and/or maintained by Cardiff Council.
- a requirement that dogs are kept on leads within all Cemeteries owned and/or maintained by Cardiff Council.
- a requirement allowing authorised officers to give a direction that a dog (s) be put and kept on a lead if necessary,
- setting the fixed penalty fine for breach of the order to the maximum permitted of £100.

3. the revocation of the current byelaws associated with dog control in Cardiff be endorsed.



2. Current position

- Consultation complete and consultation response report ready for publication on Council Website
- Meetings have taken place with dog groups to discuss support of the recommended PSPO dog controls, how they will be implemented and good dog ownership schemes (Green Dog Walkers)
- Resource identified via parking reserve to deliver signage to support the environmental improvements
- Cabinet Member agreed to pre-decision scrutiny of the recommendations prior to recommendations going to Cabinet and Council



3. Recommendations for PSPO

1. The prohibition of dog fouling in all public spaces owned and/or maintained by the Council

- This will be promoted by the use of media and dog fouling fine stickers placed on street furniture at key locations of concern

2. The requirement for a dog owner to have a means of clearing dog fouling

- This will be promoted by the use of media, through dog groups and via a period of education



3. Recommendations for PSPO

3. The exclusion of dogs in all enclosed playgrounds and schools, which are owned and / or maintained by Cardiff Council.

- This will be promoted by the use of signs on all gate to enclosed playgrounds and where schools have indicated they have an issue with dogs on their property

4. The requirement that dogs are kept on a lead within all cemeteries owned and / or maintained by Cardiff Council.

- This will be promoted by the use of signs on all gates to cemeteries



3. Recommendations for PSPO

5. A requirement allowing authorised officers to give a direction that a dog (s) be put and kept on a lead if necessary

- This will be promoted by the use of media, through dog groups and via a period of education

6. The fixed penalty notice charge for a breach of a Public Spaces Protection Order for dog controls, as set out above, is set at £100.

- This will be promoted by the use of media, through dog groups and all signs will identify where information on fines can be found

Note: Service Area will develop an enforcement webpage, including the Cardiff App, where fine levels can be reviewed by citizens.



3. Recommendations for PSPO

7. The dog controls will be exempt for persons who have a disability that affects the person's mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a registered charity and upon which the person relies for assistance

- This will be promoted by the use of media, through dog groups and all signs



4. Opportunities to support PSPO

- Cabinet Member quarterly meetings with dog ownership groups to engage on promoting good behaviour
- EqlA aligned by working with Guide Dogs Cymru
- Promotion of 'Green Dog Walkers' through Love Where You Live campaign. License now purchased.



4. Opportunities to support PSPO



6. Time line

- Pre-decision Scrutiny – 19th March 2019
- Cabinet - 21st March 2019
- Council - 28th March 2019
- Legal preparation of PSPO - April – Sept 2019
- Media on new PSPO - Sept to Oct 2019
- Implementation of PSPO signage to support enforcement - Oct 2019



7. Recommendations to Cabinet / Council

To approve the introduction of a Public Space Protection Order for Dog Controls under Section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 to include:

- The prohibition of dog fouling in all public spaces owned and/or maintained by the Council
- The requirement for a dog owner to have a means of clearing dog fouling.
- The exclusion of dogs in all enclosed playgrounds and schools, which are owned and / or maintained by Cardiff Council
- The requirement that dogs are kept on a lead within all cemeteries owned and / or maintained by Cardiff Council
- A requirement allowing authorised officers to give a direction that a dog (s) be put and kept on a lead if necessary
- The fixed penalty notice charge for a breach of a Public Spaces Protection Order for dog controls, as set out above, is set at £100.
- The dog controls will be exempt for persons who have a disability that affects the person's mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a registered charity and upon which the person relies for assistance

To approve the new policy for Public Space Protection Orders.



Questions?

