

## Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO's)

### Summary:

To replace the Designated Public Protection Orders (DPPO) with Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) by the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

### Portfolio: Cllr Mrs Chapman (Community)

Date Approved: 8/9/16

**Wards Affected: All**

### Recommendation

**The Executive is asked to support the consultation plan introducing New Public Space Protection Orders within Surrey Heath.**

#### 1. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The funding for this project will be sought from the Surrey Heath Partnership in October 2016 to cover the estimated costs of £8,000 that are required to undertake the consultation and implementation cost of the new orders.

#### 2. Key Issues

- 2.1 In 2004 the Council implemented the current DPPO (Designated Public Protection Orders) areas in Camberley town centre, Old Dean, St Michaels, Heatherside and Frimley Green Recreation Ground. This provides Surrey Police with the powers to seize alcohol or issue fines when necessary.
- 2.2 The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 introduced in October 2014, has replaced the Designated Public Place Orders with Public Space Protection Orders.
- 2.3 The existing DPPO areas are currently enforceable until the 14th October 2017, thereafter to continue to enforce these powers will require new PSPO's to be consulted and implemented.
- 2.4 Councils are the responsible authorities for making the new PSPO's which are different in nature to the previous legislation and they operate in a broader format meeting the local need, but has a maximum time limit of 3 years.
- 2.5 A single PSPO can include a multiple number of restrictions and requirements within one order. It is suggested that the new Anti-Social Crime and Policing Act 2014 be considered to expand the existing area around controlled alcohol zones (as 2.1 above), and utilise the wider powers to enforce emerging problems such as intoxicating substances (formerly legal highs), to deter begging in Camberley town centre only and enhance the dog control powers within the 35 designated park and green spaces areas within Surrey Heath. Full details are available as a background paper P1.

- 2.6 The Council has a responsibility to consult with working level leads from Surrey Police, our community partners and organisations that are affected by the proposals. The consultation plan is available as a background paper.

### **3. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- 3.1 A project team is working together to oversee this project. It includes, Surrey Police, SHBC Legal Services, Environmental Services, Business, Enforcement and Community Safety.
- 3.2 Prior to implementation of all new PSPO's being proposed, the Council has a duty to consult with the community.
- 3.3 The questionnaire outlines the main areas of PSPO consultation that is selected from the priority areas outlined by Surrey Police and the source of complaints received by the council. The consultation is proposed to be undertaken for the 3 months starting from 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016 – 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017.
- 3.4 The actual consultation plan includes promotion in the Autumn/Winter edition of the Council's magazine Heath Scene delivered to every household within Surrey Heath. With dedicated web pages on the Council's internet site with general information relating to the project, maps, FAQ questions, a questionnaire that will be available to complete on line, and a direct phone number to deal with any other questions. This will be combined with a social media and twitter feed presence to galvanise a good response.
- 3.5 The project team will also jointly devise information to be used on a permanent display and promote in the museum to encourage further awareness and feedback. We have also arranged to be present at the Surrey Heath Neighbourhood Watch meeting in November which has attendance from all areas within Surrey Heath to enable further consultation opportunities.
- 3.6 The enforcement of the Public Space Protection Order will be jointly managed between Surrey Police and the Council's Enforcement team, the details to be agreed post consultation.

### **4. OPTIONS**

- 4.1 The Executive has the option to;
- i. To support the consultation exercise relating to the new Public Space Protection Order;
  - ii. Suggest further amendments to the Public Space Protection Order consultation plan;
  - iii. Not support the Public Space Protection Order implementation.

### **5. PROPOSALS**

- 5.1 It is proposed that the Executive agree the proposed Public Space Protection consultation as set out at Annex A.

## 6. CORPORATE OBJECTIVES AND KEY PRIORITIES

6.1 We will build and encourage communities where people can live happily and healthily.

- Using the green space we have to its best possible advantage by creating sporting and leisure opportunities for all.
- Helping older and vulnerable people to live independently and remain in their homes for as long as possible.
- Protecting the general health and wellbeing of the community through our services, our health promotion and community development work.
- Engaging with young people to help improve and sustain their leisure opportunities whilst encouraging them to take responsibility.
- Delivering with partners the Sustainability Community Strategy Priority action plans to improve: community safety, transport, health, children and young people and economic wellbeing.
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## 7. EQUALITIES IMPACT

7.1 An equality impact assessment has been completed.

<b>Annexes</b>	<b>A – Consultation Plan</b>
<b>Background Papers</b>	<b>Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 – Public Space Protection Orders P1 Area</b>
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## CONSULTATIONS, IMPLICATIONS AND ISSUES ADDRESSED

<b>Resources</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Consulted</b>
Revenue	N/A	
Capital	N/A	
Human Resources	N/A	
Asset Management	N/A	
IT	N/A	
Surrey Heath Partnership Budget	Applied	

<b>Other Issues</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Consulted</b>
Corporate Objectives & Key Priorities	✓	✓
Policy Framework		
Legal	✗	✗
Governance		
Sustainability		

<b>Other Issues</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Consulted</b>
Risk Management		
Equalities Impact Assessment		
Community Safety		
Human Rights		
Consultation		
P R & Marketing	✓	✓

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