

## **Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO's)**

### **Summary:**

**To approve the draft Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO's) for consultation.**

### **Portfolio: Cllr Mrs Chapman (Community)**

Date Approved: 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017

**Wards Affected: All**

### **Recommendation**

**The Executive is asked to approve the draft Public Space Protection Order.**

## **1. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

The funding for this project was approved by the Surrey Heath Partnership in October 2016 to cover the estimated costs of £8,000 that will be required to undertake the implementation of the new order.

## **2. Key Issues**

- 2.1 In 2004 the Council implemented the current DPPO (Designated Public Protection Orders) which covered areas in Camberley town centre, Old Dean, St Michaels, Heatherside and Frimley Green Recreation Ground. This provided Surrey Police with the powers to seize alcohol or issue fines when appropriate.
- 2.2 The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 received Royal Assent on 13 March 2014, and the Designated Public Place Orders have been replaced with Public Space Protection Orders.
- 2.3 The existing DPPO legislation will cease to have effect on the 14th October 2017. The new Public Space Protection Orders replace a number of existing orders and will be used in dealing with low level anti-social behaviour.
- 2.4 Councils are the Responsible Authority for implementing the new PSPO's which must be reviewed at least every three years.
- 2.5 A PSPO can include a number of restrictions and requirements. The Anti-Social Crime and Policing Act 2014 has superseded existing public space legislation relating to controlled alcohol zones, psychoactive substances, begging and responsible dog ownership in Surrey Heath.
- 2.6 The Executive at its meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016 approved an initial consultation plan which took place between 17<sup>th</sup> October and 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Full details of the outcome are available as Annex 2.

- 2.7 The Council sought responses from various partners including Surrey Police, community representatives and organisations which may be affected by the proposals.
- 2.8 The Executive is asked to approve the draft Public Space Protection Order as attached at Annex 1. It reflects the outcomes of the public consultation.
- 2.9 The enforcement of the Public Space Protection Order will be jointly managed by the Council's Corporate Enforcement Team, Environmental Services, Community Safety team, Greenspace team, and Surrey Police.

### **3. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- 3.1 A questionnaire was publicised using a variety of tools and techniques with the aim of maximising the response: the tools included, publishing information within the Autumn 2016 edition of Heathscene, a dedicated web-page on the council website, four drop in sessions on Saturday's in November and January, social media and twitter feeds, and the 'Talk Surrey Heath Live' events. The Council website recorded 2,334 hits during this period.
- 3.2 A total of 259 responses were received, giving overwhelming support to all areas that the Council are considering implementing in the proposed Order. A total of 60% of the responses originated from GU15 and GU16 postcodes, and a 54% participation from those aged 55 plus within our community. The questionnaire gave each respondent the choice of supporting the proposal, not supporting or being unsure. An opportunity to feedback suggestions was provided and all responses were carefully considered by the project team

### **4. OPTIONS**

- 4.1 The Executive has the option to
  - i) Agree the draft Public Space Protection Order for public consultation
  - ii) Amend the draft Public Space Protection Order for public consultation
  - iii) Not agree the draft Public Space Protection Order for public consultation

### **5. PROPOSAL**

- 5.1 The Executive is asked to;
  - i. Approve the draft Public Space Protection Order for public consultation;
  - ii. to authorise that the Executive Head of Community to consider any comments arising from the public consultation in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Community, and to make the Order unless there are any significant issues arising from the further consultation.

### **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.

## 7. EQUALITIES IMPACT

7.1 An equality impact assessment has been completed.

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| <b>Annexes</b>                | <b>1 – Draft Public Space Protection Order<br/>2 - Details of the initial consultation</b>  |
| <b>Background Papers</b>      | <b>1- Proposed PSPO location maps hard copies available within the members room<br/>2 Initial Consultation – Community FAQ's and Questionnaire.</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 | Approved Oct 16 |                  |

| <b>Other Issues</b>                   | <b>Required</b> | <b>Consulted</b> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Corporate Objectives & Key Priorities | ✓               | ✓                |
| Policy Framework                      |                 |                  |
| Legal                                 | X               | x                |
| Governance                            |                 |                  |
| Sustainability                        |                 |                  |
| Risk Management                       |                 |                  |
| Equalities Impact Assessment          |                 |                  |
| Community Safety                      | X               | x                |
| Human Rights                          |                 |                  |
| Consultation                          | X               | x                |
| P R & Marketing                       | ✓               | ✓                |

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