

Public Spaces Protection Orders Dog Control & Anti-social Behaviour

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What we will cover

- Public Spaces Protection Orders
- Proposed New and Renewed PSPO
- How is it enforced
- Joint Working
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Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO)

- In 2014 the Government brought new powers contained in the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.
- Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) sit amongst a broad range of powers and tools to help tackle anti-social behaviours.
- The orders are intended to deal with persistent anti-social behaviour in a local area that is detrimental to the community's quality of life. They do so by imposing conditions on the use of that area to ensure everyone can use and enjoy public spaces without experiencing nuisance and annoyance.
- The duration of the PSPO is 3 years and at any point before expiry the council can extend, vary or discharge it following appropriate consultation.

New and Renewed PSPOs

Dog Control (New)

Restrictions remain the same

- Dogs on leads
- Dogs Restricted/seasonal
- Dog fouling – failure to pick up

Main changes

- Dogs on leads in all Cemeteries
- Beaches – introducing timed access

Anti-Social Behaviour (Renewal)

Due to expire June 2022

Includes 7 measures

1. Anti-social Alcohol consumption
2. Use of intoxicating substances
3. Urinating/Spitting/Defecating
4. Begging
5. Anti-Social street entertainment
6. Unauthorised street fundraising and marketing (Chugging)
7. Unauthorised Camping

Enforcing a PSPO

Patrol the area (Hotspots)

Joint Operations

Use the 4 E's (warnings)

- Engage,
- Educate,
- Encourage,
- Enforce

Issue Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN)

- *If paid*, case is closed and details held on file for max 5 years (no criminal record)
- *If not paid*, the FPN is jointly reviewed with the police and the case can be progressed to legal
- Court Hearing
- Fine and criminal record given

Joint Working

- Council and or Police Officers record the information and warnings in their notebooks
- FPN issued and entered onto the case management system and shared with each organisation.
- Locations and complaints are reviewed as apart of the Community Safety meeting matrix
- Joint tasking and Operations Target key locations or times of behaviours.
- The PSPO FPN log is reviewed, this includes the use of other tools under the legislation including:-
CPW &CPN's, ABC or progression to CBO.

Next Steps

- Dog PSPO – Cabinet Report 23 February 2022
- Public Consultation – 8 weeks
- ASB PSPO - Cabinet 23 March 2022
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- O/S 28 April 2022 – Feedback in to consultation process

Questions?

