



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

**DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet    DATE DECISION MADE: 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

***Agenda Item : 5***

**SUBJECT: PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDERS (DOG PATROLS)**

**Cabinet Members Present  
County Borough Councillors:**

A Morgan(Chairman) M Webber, R Bevan,  
A Crimmings, M Forey, G Hopkins,  
E Hanagan, J Rosser, M Norris

**Apology for Absence  
County Borough Councillor:**

**Other Councillor(s) in Attendance:-**

P Jarman    E Webster

**1. DECISION MADE:**

**Agreed –**

1. To undertake a 4 week public consultation exercise on the proposal to make a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to introduce dog controls in Rhondda Cynon Taf as detailed in section 5 of this report, specifically:
  - **The prohibition of dog fouling in all public places,**
  - **A requirement that dogs are kept on leads in play grounds & cemeteries owned/maintained by the Council,**
  - **A requirement to carry bags or other suitable means for the disposal of dog faeces,**
  - **A requirement allowing authorised officers to give a direction that a dog be put and kept on a lead if necessary,**
  - **A prohibition excluding dogs from all schools and marked sports pitches owned/maintained by the Council, and**
  - **Increasing the fixed penalty fine to the maximum permitted of £100**
2. To receive a further report detailing the responses to the public consultation and any recommendations for amendments to the proposed PSPO.

**2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:**

- The need to seek authority to consult on the proposal to make a Public Spaces Protection Order to introduce dog controls in Rhondda Cynon Taf.

**3. LINKS TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES / FUTURE GENERATIONS – SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.**

- Council's Corporate Plan

**4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:**

- None as yet but as outlined in section 5 of the report, the Act requires that before it can make a PSPO the Council must carry out the necessary consultation, the necessary publicity and the necessary notification.

**5. PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL**

- None

**6. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:**

- None

**7. DISPENSATION TO SPEAK (AS GRANTED BY STANDARDS COMMITTEE):**

In accordance with the Code of Conduct, County Borough Councillor P Jarman stated that "On 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2016, following a request I made to the Standards Committee, I was granted a dispensation to speak on this item"

**8. (a) IS THE DECISION SUBJECT TO CALL-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:**

YES  NO

**Note:** This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 5 clear working days after its publication i.e. **17<sup>th</sup> February 2017** to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

**8. (b) IF NO, REASONS WHY IN THE OPINION OF THE DECISION-MAKER THE DECISION IS DEEMED EXEMPT OR NON APPLICABLE:**

**I. COUNCIL FUNCTION (CALL IN IS THEREFORE NON APPLICABLE):-**

Reason: .....N/A.....

**URGENT DECISION:-**

Reason:.....N/A.....

**8. (c) IF DEEMED URGENT - SIGNATURE OF MAYOR OR DEPUTY MAYOR OR HEAD OF PAID SERVICE CONFIRMING AGREEMENT THAT THE PROPOSED DECISION IS REASONABLE IN ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES FOR IT BEING TREATED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULE 17.2:**

N/A

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(Mayor)

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(Dated)



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9<sup>th</sup> February 2017

**(Proper Officer)**

**(Dated)**