



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 22nd June, 2017

Agenda Item : 6

SUBJECT: PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER

**Cabinet Members Present
County Borough Councillors:**

A.Morgan (Chairman), R.Bevan, A.Crimmings,
G.Hopkins, M.Norris, R.Lewis, C.Leyshon, J.Rosser

**Apology for Absence
County Borough Councillor:**

M.Webber

Other Councillor(s) in Attendance:-

S.Bradwick, E Webster

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

1. To note the overwhelming public support for the introduction of a Public Spaces Protection Order to introduce prohibitions and requirements in relation to the control of dogs;
2. To consider the responses to the public consultation and determine whether any amendments are required to the proposed prohibitions and requirements in relation to the control of dogs as detailed in Appendix 2
3. To make a Public Spaces Protection Order for the control of dogs in Rhondda Cynon Taf as detailed in Appendix 2
4. To give delegated authority to the Service Director, Public Health & Protection, in consultation with the Director of Highways and Streetcare Services, to produce the final Public Spaces Protection Order relating to Dog Controls and ensure its publication on the Council's website;
5. To fund implementation of the Public Spaces Protection Order in 2017/18 through existing available resources, including, increasing the Enforcement Team within Highways & Streetcare Services to ten officers;
6. In view of the response to the Consultation, to impose a prohibition in the Public Spaces Protection Order, excluding dogs from all playgrounds owned and/or maintained by the Council;
7. To undertake a high profile awareness and marketing campaign prior to the proposed commencement date of the Public Spaces Protection Order on 1st October 2017.

N.B- With the agreement of the Chairman, County Borough Councillors E Webster and S Bradwick spoke on this item.

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

To note the outcomes of the public consultation exercise and seek authority to make a Public Spaces Protection Order ('PSPO') to introduce dog controls in Rhondda Cynon Taf, subject to any amendments Members may wish to consider in response to the consultation.

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

As outlined in section 9 of the report, The proposals in the report are consistent with the priorities of the Council's Corporate Plan, in particular "Place – creating neighbourhoods where people are proud to live and work":

- Rhondda Cynon Taf's local environment will be clean and attractive...
- Rhondda Cynon Taf's parks and green spaces will continue to be valued by residents...

4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

The full consultation report is at Appendix 1. As outlined in section 5 of the report, the methodology adopted included an online questionnaire, a webpage outlining the proposals and a "what you need to know" fact sheet. Promotion was via posters in key Council facilities, social media and the press and at a large number of engagement events and forums held across the County Borough. There was also engagement with key stakeholders and the Public Service Delivery, Communities and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee. Overall, more than 1600 people were engaged in the consultation process.

5. PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL

- None

6. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:

- None
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7. DISPENSATION TO SPEAK (AS GRANTED BY STANDARDS COMMITTEE):
N/A

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. **30th June, 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**.....
- II. 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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(Proper Officer)

22nd June, 2017
(Dated)