

TEIGNBRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE 28 NOVEMBER 2019 PART I

Report Title	Public Spaces Protection Order (for Dog Control)
Purpose of Report	To consider the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Recommendation(s)	<p>The Committee RECOMMENDS to Executive that:</p> <p>(1) In relation to the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for Responsible Dog Ownership under ss59 to 75 of the Anti-Social Crime and Policing Act 2014, the number of dogs that any one person can walk at any one time remain at 6, as agreed by Council on 14/1/19 <u>Justification</u> There is insufficient evidence to reduce this number to less than 6.</p> <p>(2) The seasonal dog exclusion areas on beaches remain as 1 April to 30 September, as agreed by Executive on 4/12/18. <u>Justification</u> There is no evidence to suggest the date should be altered to 1 May; there are plenty of beaches that can be used all year round; and the restrictions relate to an area of most beaches but not all of them.</p> <p>(3) The use of body cameras by Community Enforcement Wardens is not progressed. <u>Justification</u> There is no evidence to suggest that body cameras would be beneficial. No member of staff has requested a body camera, they all have work mobiles with the capability to record footage, the additional expense cannot be justified and it would be better allocated towards publicity campaigns.</p> <p>(4) In response to the DEFRA Animal Welfare Regulations consultation, the Council respond by suggesting that dog walking individuals who are walking other peoples' dogs (by collecting the dogs from their owners house and returning them) either voluntarily or for a fee should be licensed. <u>Justification</u>, Individuals who do not have a residence based business such as those who provide a dog walking service only should be licensed. District Councils currently administer animal welfare licences, and fees are retained by these Councils.</p>

	<p>The review group also considered that an option was that all dogs should require a licence. This would be a new control.</p> <p><u>Justification</u></p> <p>It was considered that there was merit in all dogs being licenced. It was noted that all dogs were required to be microchipped and it was considered that while dogs were being microchipped they could be licensed. The suggested increased licensing administration could also be undertaken by District Councils. This requires further consideration by the Review Group.</p> <p>(5) Insurance Regulations are the responsibility of businesses to ensure they are adequately insured for their business, and this issue be included in the issues to be reviewed by the Group in its 12 month review.</p> <p>(6) The Council undertake a publicity campaign to encourage members of the public, Town and Parish Councils to engage with offending and irresponsible dog owners, and assist the Council in upholding the regulations of the Public Safety Protection Order.</p> <p>(7) The Review Group continue to undertake a review of the PSPO following 12 months of its implementation as set out in the Group's terms of reference.</p>
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Financial Implications	Any implications are set out in the appended report
Legal Implications	Any implications are set out in the appended report
Risk Assessment	Any implications are set out in the appended report
Environmental/ Climate Change implications	Any implications are set out in the appended report
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Appendices / Background Papers	Minute of the O&S Committee 12 November, 2019 Discussions of the meetings of the Review Group Survey responses to the Public consultation April/May 2019 RSPCA Guidelines DEFRA guidelines Appendix 1 - past minutes and report taken from the following meetings Minutes of Council 14/1/2019 Minutes of Executive 04/12/2018 Minute O&S 19/11/2018 Minute 227 Executive 30/10/18 Report for Minute 227 Executive 30/10/18

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the interim report of the Public Spaces Protection Order (for Dog Control) Review Group at its meeting on 12 November, 2019. The report of the Review Group is appended.
- 1.2 The consequential minute of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is as follows:

***Minute 96/11/19 Overview and Scrutiny Committee 12 November, 2019
Public Spaces Protection Order (for Dog Control) Interim Report of the
Review Group***

The Chairman referred to the agenda report detailing the background of the issue, including the terms of reference for the Review, public and Member consultation, matters considered by the Review Group, its consequential recommendations and justification for the recommendations.

RECOMMENDED that

The recommendations of the Review Group, as detailed in the interim report of the Review Group circulated with the agenda, be supported and referred to the Executive for approval.

2. IMPLICATIONS, RISK MANAGEMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT

The implications are set out in the interim report of the Public Spaces Protection Order (for Dog Control) Review Group which is appended.

3. CONCLUSION

The Executive is requested to consider the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as detailed above.