Cabinet 10 December 2019

Recommendation from Place Scrutiny Committee 24 October 2019

Proposed content of Public Consultation for a Dog-related Public Spaces Protection Order

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Recommendation

1. That Cabinet be asked to consider the consultation proposals and approve the content of the consultation as set out in Appendix A of the report to Place Scrutiny Committee – 24 October 2019.

2. That Cabinet be asked to approve the extension of the current Dog-related PSPO's in the former East Dorset, Purbeck, West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland council areas until 31 December 2020.

Reasons for Recommendations:

1. A single Dog-related PSPO for the council area will help ensure consistency, fairness and clarity for residents and visitors to Dorset and will assist the efficient use of enforcement resources.

2. While it is a requirement to consult with stakeholders prior to introducing a PSPO, it is appropriate to define the parameters of the consultation in order to avoid generating unworkable proposals or raising unreasonable expectations.

3. A number of Dog-related PSPOs currently in place from predecessor councils will expire during the period of the making of the new Order. Should

those expiry dates not be extended, it will not be possible to enforce the relevant requirements for public safety and animal welfare.

Appendix:

1. Report to Place Scrutiny Committee of 24 October 2019
   including appendices:-
   A. Draft consultation document including maps of specific locations (as amended)
   B. Comments from stakeholders on the extension of existing Dog-related PSPOs.
2. Draft minutes of Place Scrutiny Committee – 24 October 2019.

Background papers:

Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 - Reform of Anti-social Behaviours. Statutory Guidance for Front Line Professionals; Home Office, July 2014 (updated August 2019)

Dealing with Irresponsible Dog Ownership - Practitioners Manual, DEFRA, October 2014

Anti-social Behaviour Dorset Councils Partnership Protocol

Information on the Dorset Council Dog Warden Service can be found here; https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/environmental-health/dog-warden-service.aspx

The former Dorset Council Partnership's EqIA on this matter can be viewed here: https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/your-council/equality-and-diversity/equality-impact-assessments/north-dorset-equality-impact-assessments.aspx