

Recommendation to Cabinet

7 November 2023

From Place and Resources Overview Committee on 5 October 2023

Report on the findings from the Public Consultation for the Dog Related Public Spaces Protection Order and draft Order

For Decision

Portfolio Holder: Cllr L Beddow, Culture and Communities

Local Councillor(s): Impact on all wards

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Report Status: Public

Recommendation:

That the draft Dog-related Public Spaces Protection Order be approved with the proposed provisions as per the report attached at Appendix 1 (starting at paragraph 1.2) with the following exception:

1.7.3 Lyme Regis, Front Town Beach winter restriction (1 October to the 30 April) requirement to keep dogs on lead. Did not receive majority support with 46% in favour of maintaining the restriction and 54% in favour of no restriction. (40% and 58% respectively 2020). Lyme Regis Town Council wanted an option for an extended exclusion period. In setting the parameters for the consultation, this was not seen as a proportionate choice.

Officers are concerned that there is limited suitable alternative space to exercise a dog off lead during the winter months. Officers have considered adjacent beaches and found them unsuitable as they are either slippery or unstable underfoot for those with mobility issues. No open green spaces are available without climbing a gradient.

There is no evidence of significant use of this beach area by families and children compared with other beaches in Dorset without restrictions, nor increased level of subsequent risk from dog attacks or fouling contamination.

Recommended for inclusion

Note – Officer recommendation was ‘Not recommended for inclusion’

(Comments of the Place and Resources Overview Committee are included at Appendix 2).

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Report to Place and Resources Overview Committee – 5 October 2023 – Report on the findings from the Public Consultation for the Dog Related Public Spaces Protection Order and draft Order – *The following appendices are included with the report and links are provided below:*

[Appendix A - Dog-related PSPO Public Consultation Response Report 2024](#)

[Appendix B - Dog-related Public Spaces Protection Order 2024 \(draft\)](#)

[Appendix C - EqIA Dog-related Public Spaces Protection Order \(PSPO\) 2024](#)

[Appendix D - Public Consultation Findings Infographic 2024](#)

Appendix 2 – Extract from draft minutes of the Place and Resources Overview Committee on 5 October 2023

Background papers

[Agenda for Place and Resources Overview Committee on Thursday, 5th October, 2023, 10.00 am - Dorset Council](#)