

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

REPORT

Subject: PSPO Update

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1. Brief Update

- 1.1 The report provides an update on the work undertaken to consult with residents to determine whether the four Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) in Barking and Dagenham should be renewed.
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2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Community Safety Partnership Board:
- Note the contents of this report
 - Continue to support the ongoing review of the PSPO areas.

3. Main Update

- 3.1 PSPOs were first introduced as part of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, as one of several new tools for use by councils and their partners to address anti-social behaviour (ASB) in local areas.
- 3.2 In 2018, the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham introduced four PSPOs for the areas of Barking Town Centre, Broad Street, Heathway and a borough wide Dog Fouling Order.
- 3.3 The orders have a maximum lifespan of 36 months and allow the Council to levy fines of £100 as well as serve Community Protection Notices. In extreme cases the Council and partners may consider Civil Injunctions and Criminal Behaviour Orders for the most serious breaches.

- 3.4 As reported to the last CSP, a full process has been followed resulting in the renewal of the PSPOs for Barking Town Centre and Broad Street. These orders are now active, subject to enforcement and will remain in effect until 12 March 2024.
- 3.5 The Dog Fouling PSPO expired on 14 May 2021 and has not been automatically renewed.
- 3.6 At present there is insufficient information to understand the impact of dog related concerns locally.
- 3.7 The Community Safety Partnership Team will be consulting with residents on Dog issues and broader ASB concerns across the borough such as spitting, through an online survey between 21 June 2021 and 19 July 2021.
- 3.8 The results of the survey will be used to inform the consideration of further PSPOs including the possible use of a new Dog PSPO for the borough.
- 3.9 Work required to identify if the existing PSPO in the Heathway should be renewed by 03 September 2021 will include:
- Gathering feedback from local services and partner agencies.
 - Consultation with residents through One Borough Voice.
 - Review of available community safety data including ASB figures.
 - Drafting of a PSPO proposal and evidence pack.
 - Internal meetings with Council legal services and comms to agree a legally complaint process including resident consultation.
 - Final draft orders agreed by legal services.
 - Delegated decision approval by Operational Director.
 - Enforcement go-live and deployment of additional public space signage.
- 3.10 The conditions the Council will be seeking for the Heathway will include
- Consumption of alcohol in a public place,
 - Public urination,
 - Spitting,
 - Begging*,
 - Any groups engaging in behaviour which causes residents and other users of the area nuisance, annoyance, harassment, alarm or distress.
- 3.11 A further progress update to be provided at the next Community Safety Partnership Board in September 2021.