

## **CABINET – 4TH JULY 2019**

### **Report of the Scrutiny Commission**

#### **ITEM 6      PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER CHARNWOOD CONTROL OF DOGS 2020**

##### **Purpose of Report**

To consider the comments and recommendations of the Scrutiny Commission in relation to the approval of a formal Notice of Intention to renew the Borough wide Public Spaces Protection Order for Dog Control.

##### **Recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission**

That the Cabinet be informed that the Commission supports the recommendations as set out in the report of the Head of Regulatory Services.

##### **Reason**

The Commission, having carefully considered and asked questions on the report felt Cabinet should approve the recommendations set out.

##### **Meeting Discussion**

Following questions from the Commission, the Lead Member for Regulatory Services, Enforcement and Licensing and the Enviro-Crime and Dog Control Manager provided the following responses:

- (i) Residents had been consulted through a variety of ways and the total response had been 322 which was deemed to be positive.
- (ii) The list of dog exclusion zones in Loughborough had been drawn up with the Environmental Services Team and the list was up to date but the locations with a dog exclusion zone had to be enclosed with a boundary on all 4 sides which may exclude some of the children's play areas. Members were advised they could request for areas to be added if they felt they met the criteria.
- (iii) It was felt that the current mechanisms in place for controls dogs were working. The difference between dogs on lead and dogs on lead by direction was explained to the committee and they were advised that there had been a decrease in incidents since the last Public Spaces Protection Order was implemented in 2017.
- (iv) It was hoped that renewing the order would increase awareness of dog control in general, produce a decrease in dog fouling and to offer clarity of expectations for dog owners.

## Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

Scrutiny Committee Procedure 11.12 sets out the procedure by which a report of a scrutiny committee should be considered by the Cabinet.

## Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions and Scrutiny

The information on this in the Cabinet report is not affected by the recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission.

## Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report.

### *Financial Implications*

There are no further financial implications associated with the recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission.

### *Risk Management*

There are no specific risks associated with the recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission.

Key Decision: Yes

Background Paper: Scrutiny Commission Minute 20 2019/20,  
1<sup>st</sup> July 2019

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