

6 October 2017

PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER SCRUTINY SUB-GROUP – 10 OCTOBER 2017

A meeting of the Public Spaces Protection Order Scrutiny Sub-Group will be held at 5.30pm on Tuesday 10 October 2017 in Committee Room 1 at the Town Hall, Rugby.

Adam Norburn
Executive Director

A G E N D A

PART 1 – PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. Appointment of Chairman – to appoint a chair of the scrutiny sub-group.
2. Apologies – to receive apologies for absence from the meeting.
3. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of:

(a) non-pecuniary interests as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors;

(b) pecuniary interests as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors;
and

(c) notice under Section 106 Local Government Finance Act 1992 – non-payment of Community Charge or Council Tax.

Note: Members are reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of their interests at the commencement of the meeting (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is a pecuniary interest the Member must withdraw from the room unless one of the exceptions applies.

Membership of Warwickshire County Council or any Parish Council is classed as a non-pecuniary interest under the Code of Conduct. A Member does not need to declare this interest unless the Member chooses to speak on a matter relating to their membership. If the Member does not wish to speak on the matter, the Member may still vote on the matter without making a declaration.

4. Introductory presentation by the Regulatory Services Manager, Principal Environmental Health Officer (Neighbourhoods Team) and Warden Supervisor.
5. Review of the one-page strategy (attached).
6. Programme of work.
7. Dates of future meetings – please bring your diaries to the meeting.

PART 2 – EXEMPT INFORMATION

There is no business involving exempt information.

Membership of the group:

Councillors Douglas, Lowe, Mrs New, Mrs O'Rourke and Sandison

If you have any general queries with regard to this agenda please contact Linn Ashmore, Democratic Services Officer (01788 533522 or e-mail linn.ashmore@rugby.gov.uk). Any specific queries concerning reports should be directed to the listed contact officer.

If you wish to attend the meeting and have any special requirements for access please contact the Democratic Services Officer named above.

SCRUTINY REVIEW OF DOG CONTROL ORDERS AND PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDERS

ONE-PAGE STRATEGY

What is the broad topic area?

How can we encourage a change of behaviour on the part of those dog owners who do not comply with the present dog control orders?

How effective are the current PSPOs (e.g. dogs, intoxicating drinks in the town centre)

What other PSPOs should the council consider introducing?

What is the specific topic area?

The review of public spaces protection orders (PSPOs) introduced to replace the dog control orders before they become invalid in September 2017.

The inclusion in the PSPOs of other categories of persistent or continuing behaviour that has a detrimental effect on quality of life.

The enforcement of the new PSPOs, including clarification of the roles of the various wardens and rangers.

What is the ambition of the review?

Creation of an environment for the enjoyment of open spaces by all and enhanced community wellbeing.

How well does the service perform at the moment?

There is a wide variety of open spaces and these are used in different ways by a range of different people. Consequently, some conflict arises, leading to community tension and complaints. There is limited ability to modify behaviour or enforce change because of limitations in the legislation.

The task group will seek to learn from the experience of the existing PSPO for the control of the anti-social consumption of intoxicating substances in the town centre area.

Who shall we consult about the current service and about how we can improve it?

Parish councils, users of parks such as sports clubs, dog club, model engineers and the general public, specific groups identified during the review.

What other help do we need?

Information from other councils, Legal Services.

How long should it take?

Six months maximum.

What will be the outcome?

Establishment of need for regulation to encourage appropriate behaviour in public spaces and to control inappropriate behaviour. Recommendations for implementing and enforcing this.