



**ENVIRONMENT, REGENERATION AND STREETSCENE SERVICES
CABINET BOARD**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ENVIRONMENT, REGENERATION AND
STREETSCENE SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2024

**MULTI-LOCATION MEETING – COUNCIL CHAMBER PORT TALBOT
AND MICROSOFT TEAMS**

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Part 1

1. Appointment of Chairperson
2. Chairpersons Announcement/s
3. Declarations of Interest
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting (*Pages 5 - 10*)
5. Forward Work Programme (*Pages 11 - 12*)
6. Public Question Time
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prior to the meeting. Questions must relate to items on the agenda. Questions will be dealt with in a 10 minute period.

For Information:

7. Swansea Bay City Deal - Neath Port Talbot led projects update (Supporting Innovation and Low Carbon Growth & Homes As Power Stations) (*Pages 13 - 22*)

For Decision:

8. List of Approved Contractors (*Pages 23 - 36*)
9. Traffic Regulation Order: Eagle Street and Broad Street, Port Talbot (Revocation) (Limited Waiting) and (Resident Permit Holders) Order 2023 (*Pages 37 - 50*)
10. Traffic Regulation Order: Golwg Y Mor, Aberavon, Port Talbot (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Unloading at any Time) Order 2023 (*Pages 51 - 64*)
11. Vehicle and Heavy Plant Fleet Procurement Programme 2024/25 (*Pages 65 - 82*)
12. Public Space Protection Order: Aberavon Beach and Promenade (*Pages 83 - 186*)
13. Urgent Items
Any urgent items (whether public or exempt) at the discretion of the Chairperson pursuant to Regulation 5(4)(b) of Statutory Instrument 2001 No. 2290 (as amended).
14. Access to Meetings - Exclusion of the Public (*Pages 187 - 192*)
To resolve to exclude the public for the following items pursuant to Regulation 4 (3) and (5) of Statutory Instrument 2001 No. 2290 and the relevant exempt paragraphs of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

Part 2

15. Proposed Disposal of Residential Development land at Blaenbaglan (Exempt under Paragraph 14) (*Pages 193 - 206*)

K.Jones
Chief Executive

Civic Centre
Port Talbot

Thursday, 1 February 2024

Environment, Regeneration and Streetscene Services Cabinet Board
Members:

Councillors. J.Hurley, W.F.Griffiths and S.Jones

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EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

ENVIRONMENT, REGENERATION AND STREETSCENE SERVICES CABINET BOARD

12 JANUARY 2024

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: J.Hurley (Chairperson), W.F.Griffiths and S.Jones

Officers in Attendance:

D.Griffiths, M.Roberts, C.Morris, J.Stevens, A. Collins, T.Rees and C.Plowman

Scrutiny Invitees:

Councillors: S.Pursey and T.Bowen

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor J.Hurley be appointed as Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **CHAIRPERSONS ANNOUNCEMENT/S**

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interests received.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2023 be approved as an accurate record.

5. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

The Forward Work Programme was noted.

6. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No questions were received.

7. **DANGEROUS DOGS ACT 1991: STRAY AND ABANDONED XL BULLY DOGS - CHANGE OF OPERATIONAL PRACTICE**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

8. **REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLAN - UPDATE FROM SOUTH WEST WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

9. **LIST OF APPROVED CONTRACTORS**

Decision:

That having had due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment, the List of Approved Contractors be amended as follows:

Companies to be added to the List of Approved Contractors:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Category</u>
Comcen Computer Supplies Ltd (C076)	61,111
IDNS Ltd (I020)	61,111

Companies applied to be included on the list for additional categories, who had passed the required assessments:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Category</u>
BFL Engineering Services Ltd (B023)	37,38,39,40

Companies to be removed from List of Approved Contractors due to their company status 'In Administration':

<u>Company</u>	<u>Category</u>
Jehu Project Services Ltd (J014)	14

Reason for Decision:

To keep the List of Approved Contractors up to date and as far as possible, ensure a competitive procurement process. These recommendations to be adopted for the purpose of supplying a List of Approved Contractors for invitation to tender within the relevant category.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period, which ended at 9am, Tuesday 16 January 2024.

10. **TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER: PARK AVENUE AND SIDING TERRACE (REVOCAION) AND (30MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2023**

Decision:

That having had due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment, the objections be overruled to the Park Avenue and Siding Terrace (Revocation) and (30mph Speed Limit) - Order 2023, (as detailed in Appendix A to the circulated report) and that the scheme be implemented as advertised. That the objectors be informed of the decision accordingly.

Reason for Decision:

The Order was necessary to maintain the existing speed limit of 30mph on Park Avenue and Siding Terrace within the borough, after the Welsh Government passed legislation to implement a 20mph default speed limit in urban areas nationally throughout Wales in the interest of road safety.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period, which ended at 9am, Tuesday 16 January 2024.

11. **TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER: LANE REAR OF 1 TO 17 CROWN STREET, PORT TALBOT (REVOCATION OF NO ENTRY) ORDER 2023**

Decision:

That having had due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment, the objection be overruled to the Lane rear of 1 to 17 Crown Street, Port Talbot (Revocation of No Entry) Order 2023 (as detailed in Appendix A to the circulated report), and that the scheme be implemented as advertised and monitored going forward. That the objector be informed of the decision accordingly.

Reason for Decision:

The revocation of the existing traffic regulation order was required to ensure sufficient manoeuvrability and access for waste/refuse collection vehicles in the interest of highway safety.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period, which ended at 9am, Tuesday 16 January 2024.

12. **TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER: PRINCESS MARGARET WAY, SANDFIELDS, PORT TALBOT**

Decision:

That having had due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment, approval be granted to advertise the Limited Waiting for 2 Hours No Return within 2 Hours, 8.00am to 8.00pm, 1st April to 30th September with payment via the MiPermit Application or Pay by Phone for a Maximum Stay of 2 Hours and Disabled Badge Holders Exempt Traffic Regulation Orders on The Princess Margaret Way, Sandfields, Port Talbot (As detailed in Appendix A and Appendix B to the circulated report); and that if no objections are received, that the proposals be implemented on site as advertised.

Reason for Decision:

The proposed traffic regulation orders will ensure adequate turnover of vehicles which will improve and allow the local environment and amenities to be enjoyed by future generations.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period, which ended at 9am, Tuesday 16 January 2024.

13. **COMMERCIAL PROPERTY GRANT: FORMER ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB, EASTLAND ROAD, NEATH**

Decision:

That having given due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment, and a description of the recommendation, the grant detailed in the circulated report be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To implement the provisions of the Commercial Property Grant scheme in accordance with the criteria and terms of administration of the grant, in order to contribute to the vicinity of Neath.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period, which ended at 9am, Tuesday 16 January 2024.

14. **URGENT ITEMS**

There were no urgent items received.

15. **ACCESS TO MEETINGS - EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

Decision:

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as set out in Paragraph 14 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007 subject to the Public Interest Test (where appropriate) being applied.

16. **FLEET AND DEPOT REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT OF A 5 YEAR FLEET TRANSFORMATION PLAN - APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANTS (EXCLUDED UNDER PARAGRAPH 14)**

Decision:

That having had due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment:

1. Delegated authority be granted to the Head of Engineering and Transport, in consultation with the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, to commission consultancy services with respect to the Fleet Review and Development of the 5year Fleet Transformation work stream 'review' identified as part of the Councils short to medium term financial plan;
2. Permission be granted to disapply Rule 7.3 of the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and direct award a contract to consultants; EDGE Public Solutions, via the public sector ESPO Consultancy Framework; and
3. Approval be granted to the Head of Engineering and Transport, in consultation with the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, to complete the necessary agreement and associated documents for the public sector EPSO Framework to facilitate same.

Reason for Decision:

Delegated Authority will ensure the urgent procurement of consultants to maintain momentum in transforming the fleet service and to secure suitable new systems that will maintain fleet and frontline service delivery. This will also provide the council with an immediate solution to relieve the pressures on internal resources.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period, which ended at 9am, Tuesday 16 January 2024.

CHAIRPERSON

Environment, Regeneration and Streetscene Services Cabinet Board
(Immediately following the Scrutiny Committee starting at 10am)

Meeting Date 2024	Agenda Item and Type	Contact Officer
Page 11	Select List (Various)	Dave Griffiths
	Traffic Regulation Orders (Various)	Dave Griffiths
	Commercial Property Grants (Various)	Simon Brennan
	Quarter 3 Performance Indicators 2023/2024	Tom McConvey
	Healthy Travel Charter	Joy Smith
	Flood Risk Management Plan	Mike Roberts/Steve Owen
	Highways and Engineering Works Programme 2024/25	Mike Roberts/Aled Jones
	Street Lighting Energy – Consultation Response	Mike Roberts
	Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) Cameras	Mike Roberts

Meeting Date 2024	Agenda Item and Type	Contact Officer
19th April	Select List (Various)	Dave Griffiths
	Traffic Regulation Orders (Various)	Dave Griffiths
	Commercial Property Grants (Various)	Simon Brennan
	Regeneration Strategy	Andrew Collins
	NPT Local Area Energy Plan	Chris Jones
	Property Asset Management Plan	Simon Brennan



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Environment, Regeneration and Streetscene Services Cabinet Board

Friday 9th February 2024

Report of the Head of Property and Regeneration – S. Brennan

Matter for Information

Wards Affected: All Wards

Swansea Bay City Deal – Neath Port Talbot led projects update (Supporting Innovation and Low Carbon Growth & Homes As Power Stations)

Purpose of the Report:

To update Members on the Swansea Bay City Deal Neath Port Talbot led projects – Supporting Innovation & Low Carbon Growth and Homes as Power Stations.

Executive Summary:

Neath Port Talbot is the Local Authority Lead for two Swansea Bay City Deal projects.

This report and presentation updates Members on:

- The Supporting Innovation and Low Carbon Growth programme

- The Homes as Power Stations regional project

Background:

Swansea Bay City Deal portfolio comprises 9 projects and programmes.

Neath Port Talbot is Local Authority lead for the Supporting Innovation & Low Carbon Growth Programme and the Homes as Power Stations Project.

The **Supporting Innovation & Low Carbon Growth (SILCG)** programme is made up of eight interlinked projects:

Bay Technology Centre

Developed in response to well-evidenced demand for high quality, flexible business premises. A hybrid building on Baglan Energy Park providing a range of high quality, flexible, speculative office and laboratory space to support start-up businesses and indigenous business growth.

The design of the building has established it as Wales' first commercial 'building as a power station' (energy positive) with a link to the Hydrogen Centre providing a proof of concept to use renewables to create hydrogen and fuel vehicles demonstrating the potential to decarbonise vehicle refuelling.

SWITCH (South Wales industrial Transition from Carbon Hub) Harbourside

SWITCH will provide a specialist facility on Harbourside, Port Talbot to carry out research to support the steels and metals industry and supply chain to improve competitiveness by increasing product capability and reduce carbon emissions to meet legislative requirements.

This will be achieved by strengthening collaboration between industry and academia and increasing the level of applied research to accelerate the adoption of improved products and processes. The City Deal funding will be used to construct a purpose built facility and purchase specialist equipment.

Advanced Manufacturing Production Facility (AMPF)

This project has been developed in response to the well evidenced need for business sites and premises, including industrial premises. The project is to develop a hybrid building based on the 'proving factory' concept, providing a range of production units incorporating a pilot line with office space to support start-up companies and indigenous business growth in the innovation and manufacturing sectors.

National Net Zero Centre of Excellence for Skills (new project approved in December 2023)

To deliver industry led, green skills training and development by upskilling the local, regional and national labour markets with appropriate green skills to enable transition to a net zero economy, whilst supporting the development of local and regional low carbon projects.

The aim is to establish the facility as a central hub for national Research Development & Innovation activity, using the state of the art facilities to increase the number and quality of low carbon businesses in the region, promoting further investment and innovation. The skills provision will be collocated with the Advanced Manufacturing Production Facility

Hydrogen stimulus programme

This project has been developed to demonstrate the viability and commercial opportunities to the creation of hydrogen from renewable sources.

The project will establish a link between the Swansea Bay Technology Centre and the Hydrogen Centre on Baglan Energy Park, including necessary upgrades to the equipment including an electrolyser to create smart energy systems and to use excess electricity to convert to hydrogen to fuel vehicles for council use which will also be purchased with City Deal funding. There is potential to replicate this activity on a commercial scale which will be explored during the delivery of this initial project.

Air quality monitoring programme

This project has been developed in response to air quality issues and the need to understand levels of pollution to make informed decisions on mitigation and intervention measures. The project will incorporate a monitoring and analysis system to provide verified sources of air quality data. The data analytics generated by the project will help to identify correlation with factors such as pollution sources, both internal and external to the area. The funding will be used to purchase air quality monitors and the data analytics side of the project. There is potential to replicate this activity across the region, Wales, the UK and worldwide.

Electric vehicle charging infrastructure route map project

This project has been developed in response to the need to decarbonise transport, and address the new challenges posed by the increasing number of electric vehicles. The project consists of three phases:

Phase 1 – to consult with leading academics, industry partners and the public sector to produce an effective, impactful and future-proof electric vehicle charging strategy.

Phase 2 - will focus on the physical implementation of smart charging stations and the grid infrastructure required to support modern charging technologies.

Phase 3 – To use information gathered from the implemented smart charging stations to build a detailed dataset of electric vehicle charging behaviours within the area. This will be used to fuel research into topics including vehicle-to-grid transfer for flexible energy systems, virtual power plants, and future economic/business models for electric vehicle charging stations.

Property Development Fund

This project has been developed to support the viability of private sector schemes to develop bespoke and speculative buildings in the Port Talbot Waterfront Enterprise Zone (Harbourside, Baglan Energy Park and Baglan Industrial Estate). The fund will be administered by Neath Port Talbot Council as a £10m fund (£4.5m gap funding non-repayable finance / £5.5m Private Sector investment).

Homes as Power Stations (HAPS)

HAPS is a regional pioneering project to facilitate the adoption of the 'HAPS approach' i.e. the integration of energy efficient design and renewable technologies in new build and existing housing stock across the public, private and third sectors in the Swansea Bay City Region.

It is a regional project led by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council on behalf of the four local authority partners in the Swansea Bay City Region (SBCR): Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council, City and County of Swansea, Carmarthenshire County Council and Pembrokeshire County Council.

The project comprises a number of linked activities, including:

- Establishing a project team to coordinate activity across the region
- Facilitating the adoption of energy efficient design and renewable technologies in new-build homes and existing housing stock supported by a regional targeted **financial incentives fund**;
- Developing a sustainable, skilled regional supply chain for renewable technologies in homes supported by a regional **supply chain development fund**;
- Establishing a coordinated **monitoring and evaluation of the technologies** programme;

The HAPS project will add value to existing and pipeline energy efficiency programmes, through the provision of targeted ‘additional’ funding. It will aim to establish a sustainable, skilled regional supply chain with the potential to establish the region as a centre of excellence in renewable technologies in housing.

The aim of the project is to ‘prove’ the HAPS approach through a phased programme of activity, starting in the public and Registered Social Landlord (RSL) sectors, learning lessons from a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation of technologies process, developing a consistent ‘standard’ leading to the aggregation of the supply chain, disseminating the findings and encouraging the private sector to adopt the HAPS approach in subsequent phases.

HAPS Financial Incentives Fund (£5.75m)

This fund was launched in the second quarter of 2023 to encourage and support the uptake of the HAPS concept primarily with local authorities that have housing stock and Registered Social Landlords. Private Sector developers were also eligible to access the fund.

There was a significant amount of interest where, following a rigorous application and scoring process, 16 projects across the four counties

were awarded funding of up to £300k per scheme. A total of £3.7m has been allocated in this initial phase of funding.

Three schemes in Neath Port Talbot have been allocated funding to enable 118 HAPS homes to be created. There is a further £640,000 allocated to houses within Neath Port Talbot Council area to support the objectives of HAPS.

Applicant	Scheme Name	New Build / Retrofit	Total Investment	HAPS Funding Request
Coastal	Sandfields Port Talbot	Retrofit	£220,000	£198,000
NPTCBC	Eco4 Flex	Retrofit	£1,513,450	£300,000
Pobl	Neath Working Mens Club	New Build	£7,770,264	£300,000
				£798,000 (£639,500)

Supply Chain Development Fund (£7m)

Work is ongoing with local authority business teams across the region to gather information on the current supply chains related to HAPS technologies and identify opportunities for businesses to diversify and grow to meet the HAPS objectives. This fund criteria is currently being scoped to maximise opportunities alongside other funds including UK Shared Prosperity Funding and funding available from UK government and Welsh Government.

Technical Monitoring and Evaluation Contract (£1m)

An external independent organisation has been procured to support the ongoing technical monitoring of the various concepts of HAPS. The contract was awarded to Cardiff University's Welsh School of Architecture who have a proven track record in carrying out this specialist monitoring.

Information and findings will be disseminated to provide a 'Knowledge Sharing Hub' to build confidence and encourage a longer term take up from the private sector.

Financial Impacts:

No implications. Funding for the project and programme is via the overall Swansea Bay City Deal grant provided to the Council detailed above.

Integrated Impact Assessment:

Not applicable.

Valleys Communities Impacts:

The nature of the interventions will have a positive impact on the valley communities and is aligned to the Neath Port Talbot Corporate Plan, Neath Port Talbot Economic Recovery Plan and the Wellbeing Assessments.

Workforce Impacts:

The Strategic Funding Programmes Office leads on project and programme delivery, this is managed by Lisa Willis.

Brett Suddell is the Programme Manager for Supporting Innovation and Low Carbon Growth.

Oonagh Gavigan is the Project Manager for Homes as Power Stations.

Legal Impacts:

Any procurement activities will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

Carmarthenshire Council, as Accountable Body for the Swansea Bay City Deal has entered in to a Grant Agreement with each Local Authority Lead in relation to funding.

Neath Port Talbot Council has entered into an Inter Authority Agreement with the partner Local Authorities in the region in respect of the Homes as Power Stations project.

Third Party Grant Agreements are in place with delivery partners and third parties.

Risk Management Impacts:

There are no risk management issues associated with this report.

Both projects / programmes have developed a risk register which is managed by the Project / Programme Managers and reviewed by the Project / Programme Boards.

Consultation:

This item has not been subject to external consultation.

Recommendations:

- Members note the report and presentation for information.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

Not applicable.

Implementation of Decision:

Not applicable.

Appendices:

None.

List of Background Papers:

None.

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NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Environment, Regeneration and Streetscene Services Cabinet Board

9th February 2024

Report of the Head of Engineering & Transport (David W. Griffiths)

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: All

List of Approved Contractors

Purpose of the Report:

To seek Members' approval to amend the List of Approved Contractors.

Executive Summary:

To seek approval for Contractors as fully detailed under 'Recommendations'.

Background:

Members will be aware that on previous occasions, reports concerning the List of Approved Contractors have been presented to Cabinet Board.

The process gives local companies an opportunity to provide goods and services to the Council.

The full list of categories is set out in Appendix A for your information.

Financial Impacts:

No implications.

Integrated Impact Assessment:

A first stage Impact Assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its legislative duties (under the Equality Act 2010, the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

The first stage assessment, attached at Appendix B, has indicated that a more in-depth assessment is not required. A summary is included below:-

The report is seeking approval for Contractors as fully detailed under 'Recommendations'.

This does not affect any group of people and or impact the Welsh language, biodiversity or the five ways of working.

Valleys Communities Impacts:

No implications.

Workforce Impacts:

No implications.

Legal Impacts:

No implications.

Risk Management Impacts:

No implications.

Consultation:

There is no requirement for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations:

Having had due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment it is recommended that:-

The List of Approved Contractors is amended as follows:-

Companies to be **added** to the List of Approved Contractors

The following companies have applied to be included on the list and have passed the required assessments:-

<u>Company</u>	<u>Category</u>
A&J Arborists Ltd (A077)	101
B&W Contracting Services Ltd (B045)	41,42,43,44
Brandon Hire Station (H030)	2

The following approved company has applied to be included on the list for additional categories and has passed the required assessments:-

<u>Company</u>	<u>Category</u>
Neath Construction Ltd (N011)	12,13

The following approved company has requested the removal of two categories which are no longer applicable to their scope of work:-

<u>Company</u>	<u>Category</u>
Swansea Drains Ltd T/A Metro Rod (S085)	5, 7

Companies to be **removed** from List of Approved Contractors

Removal of the following companies from the list is required due to:-

At the request of the company (G022 & M049)

H&S failure (F003)

Ceased trading (C066 & D015)

Consultancy company – not applicable to the Select List (A032)

No longer covers South Wales (C073)

<u>Company</u>	<u>Category</u>
Groom Property Maintenance Ltd (G022)	15,16,17,19,20,22
Machinery Movement Wales Ltd (M049)	88,96,97
Flair Electrical Engineering Ltd (F003)	41,42,43,44,68
CCTV Access Control Ltd (C066)	3,47,48
EEL Holdings Ltd prev. Adams Environmental Ltd (A032)	111
R C Cutting & Co. (C073)	66
Gerald Davies Ltd (D015)	71,72,75,77,84,106

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

To keep the List of Approved Contractors up to date and as far as possible, ensure a competitive procurement process.

These recommendations to be adopted for the purpose of supplying a List of Approved Contractors for invitation to tender within the relevant category.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three-day call-in period.

Appendices:

Appendix A - Categories for List of Approved Contractors

Appendix B - First Stage IIA

List of Background Papers

None.

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Appendix A

Categories for List of Approved Contractors

General Services

1. Signs
2. Plant Hire
3. Security
4. Clinical Waste
5. Pest Control
6. Re-Cycling
7. Waste Disposal (e.g. Car, Computers, Steel)
8. Crowd Control
9. Traffic Management
10. Portable Buildings
11. Scaffolding

Building Construction / Maintenance

12. Building Construction £50,000 - £200,000
13. Building Construction £200,000 - £1m
14. Building Construction over £1m
15. Minor Building Works below £50,000
16. Works of Adaptation below £5,000
17. Re-Roofing
 - a) Felt & Asphalt below £10,000 / above £10,000
 - b) Tiles & Slate below £10,000 / above £10,000
 - c) GRP
 - d) High Performance Coverings
 - e) Sheeting & Cladding
18. Supply & Installation of Floor Finishes
 - a) Flexible Sheet, Tiles, Carpets
 - b) Jointless
 - c) Rigid Tiles, Slabs, Mosaics
 - d) Wood
19. Plastering
20. Painting & Decorating
21. Supply & Installation of Windows/Doors (Windows to BS 7412, Doors to PAS 23/1, PAS 24/1 to BS 7950 Kitemark Scheme)
 - a) PVCU (using Aluplast System)
 - b) Timber
 - c) Aluminium

- d) Steel
- e) Roller Shutter
- f) Security Doors
- g) Automatic Doors
- 22. Suspended Ceilings
- 23. Welding / Fabrication below £5,000
- 24. Welding / Fabrication above £5,000
- 25. Stonework Repair / Restoration / Cleaning
- 26. Glazing & Safety Filming
- 27. Wall Tie Replacement
- 28. External Wall Insulation
- 29. Damp Proofing / Dry Rot / Woodworm Treatment
- 30. Cavity Wall and / or Loft Insulation
- 31. Asbestos Handling & Removal, Asbestos Surveys & Asbestos Consultancy Services
- 32. Window Blinds
- 33. Shop Fitters – Specialist Joinery
- 34. Refurbishment of Laboratories
- 35. Clearance of Void properties
- 36. Works to Listed Buildings

Mechanical & Electrical Engineering

- 37. Domestic (including Housing) Plumbing & Central Heating below £50,000
- 38. Domestic (including Housing) Plumbing & Central Heating above £50,000
- 39. Commercial Heating & Ventilating below £100,000
- 40. Commercial Heating & Ventilating above £100,000
- 41. Domestic (including Housing) Electrical Installation below £50,000
- 42. Domestic (including Housing) Electrical Installation above £50,000
- 43. Commercial Electrical Installations below £100,000
- 44. Commercial Electrical Installations above £100,000
- 45. Gas Boiler Maintenance
- 46. Maintenance of Building Management Systems for Heating & Ventilation

Mechanical & Electrical Specialist Services

- 47. CCTV
- 48. Intruder Alarms
- 49. Fire Alarms
- 50. Warden Call System
- 51. Lifts
- 52. Swimming Pool Plant Equipment
- 53. Water Systems Cleaning & Chlorination

54. Ductwork System Cleaning & Sterilisation
55. Domestic & Commercial Kitchen Equipment Maintenance
56. Supply & Installation of Specialist Kitchen Equipment / Fittings
57. Installation, Testing & Maintenance of Local Exhaust Ventilation (LEV)
58. Water Systems – Risk Assessment
59. Supply & Installation of Pipework & Ductwork Installation
60. Supply, Installation and / or Servicing of Automatic Door Systems
61. PA Systems / Sound Systems
62. Stage Lighting
63. Service / Repair of Kilns
64. Supply, Installation & Servicing of Leisure Services Equipment
65. Specialist Steelwork (stainless Steel & Fabricated Works)
66. Lightning Conductors
67. Fire Fighting Equipment including Hose Reels
68. Smoke / Fire Detectors
69. Stage Equipment including Curtains, Gantry, Special Effects etc.
70. Computer / Telephone Cabling

Civil Engineering

71. Civil Engineering £0 – £25,000
72. Civil Engineering £25,000 – £250,000
73. Civil Engineering £250,000 – £1m
74. Civil Engineering over £1m
75. Land Reclamation
76. Sewers & Drainage
77. Hard & Soft Landscaping
78. Ground Investigation
79. Demolition
80. Surfacing, Carriageway & Footways
81. Surface Dressing
82. Road Markings & Reflective Road Studs
83. Carriageway Slurry Surfacing & Footways
84. Fencing
85. Gabion & Blockstone
86. Steel Fabrication below £25,000
87. Steel Fabrication above £25,000
88. Bridge Works, New & Maintenance

Civil Engineering Specialists

89. Concrete Repairs
90. Diving Inspections & Works within Water

91. Bridge Deck Expansion Joints
92. Bridge Deck Water Proofing
93. Soil Nailing
94. Sewer Relining
95. Sewer Surveys
96. Safety Fencing
97. Bridge Parapets (Manufacture & Installation)
98. Access Plant for Inspection
99. Bridge Parapet Painting
100. Painting of Structural Steelwork
101. Arboriculturalist
102. Weed-spraying
103. Weather Forecasting
104. Playground Equipment
105. Specialist Cleaning
106. Synthetic Pitches and Sports Facilities
107. Bus/Cycle Shelters
108. Traffic Signals
109. Street Lighting
110. Street Furniture
111. Specialist Contractor not listed above – please specify type of work



Appendix B

Impact Assessment - First Stage

1. Details of the initiative

Initiative description and summary: List of Approved Contractors – Approval for Contractors as fully detailed under ‘Recommendations’ within the main Report.

Service Area: Procurement

Directorate: All

2. Does the initiative affect:

	Yes	No
Service users		x
Staff		x
Wider community		x
Internal administrative process only	✓	

3. Does the initiative impact on people because of their:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't Know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence)/How might it impact?
Age			x			There is no impact. Applications to be included on the Approved List of Contractors are accepted from all construction companies who meet the criteria.
Disability			x			
Gender Reassignment			x			
Marriage/Civil Partnership			x			
Pregnancy/Maternity			x			
Race			x			
Religion/Belief			x			
Sex			x			
Sexual orientation			x			

4. Does the initiative impact on:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence used) / How might it impact?
People's opportunities to use the Welsh language			x			
Treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English			x			

5. Does the initiative impact on biodiversity:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence) / How might it impact?
To maintain and enhance biodiversity			x			N/A
To promote the resilience of ecosystems, i.e. supporting protection of the wider environment, such as air quality, flood alleviation, etc.			x			N/A

6. Does the initiative embrace the sustainable development principle (5 ways of working):

	Yes	No	Details
Long term - how the initiative supports the long term well-being of people	✓		The addition of contractors onto the List of Approved Contractors will enable these companies to be procured in accordance with NPT's Procurement Rules. Contractors who fail to meet the requirements of this List will be given the opportunity to meet NPT's criteria. If this is not met, approval will be sought from Members to remove these contractors.

<p>Integration - how the initiative impacts upon our wellbeing objectives</p>	✓		<p>Approving additional contractors onto the List of Approved Contractors will enable NPT to procure works with these companies. This will allow the companies to provide employment opportunities, allowing people to take advantage of wealth generated through securing decent work.</p> <p>The List of Approved Contractors gives local companies the opportunity to be contracted by NPT to undertake works.</p>
<p>Involvement - how people have been involved in developing the initiative</p>	✓		<p>The companies have been assessed to determine their suitability to be included on the List of Approved Contractors. External financial checks have been undertaken. Various departments have undertaken checks on the companies for Insurances, technical ability, Quality, Environmental and Health & Safety.</p>
<p>Collaboration - how we have worked with other services/organisations to find shared sustainable solutions</p>	✓		<p>Several departments have been involved in checking that contractors are suitable to undertake works for the category/ies. Any contractors who fail to comply with the ongoing checks for the List of Approved Contractors will be given the opportunity to meet NPT criteria. If this is not met, approval will be sought from Members to remove these contractors. The List of Approved Contractors is available for use by all departments in the Authority wishing to undertake works.</p>
<p>Prevention - how the initiative will prevent problems occurring or getting worse</p>	✓		<p>Contractors who fail to comply with the ongoing checks for the List of Approved Contractors will be given the opportunity to meet NPT criteria. If this is not met, approval will be sought from Members to remove these contractors.</p>

7. Declaration - based on above assessment (tick as appropriate):

A full impact assessment (second stage) is not required	✓
Reasons for this conclusion	
<p>This First Stage Impact Assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its legislative duties (under the Equality Act 2010, the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.</p> <p>This First Stage Assessment has indicated that a more in-depth assessment is not required. A summary is below:-</p> <p>The report is seeking approval to add new Contractor(s), add additional Category/ies for approved Contractor(s) and remove approved Contractor(s).</p> <p>This does not affect any group of people and/or impact the Welsh Language, Biodiversity or the Five Ways of Working.</p>	

A full impact assessment (second stage) is required	x
Reasons for this conclusion	
N/A	

	Name	Position	Signature	Date
Completed by:-	Amanda J. Phillips	Programme & Commissioning Manager	AJP	11/1/2024
Signed off by:-	David W. Griffiths	Head of Engineering & Transport	DWG	11/1/2024



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9th February 2024

Report of the Head of Engineering & Transport – D.W.Griffiths

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: Port Talbot

Eagle Street and Broad Street, Port Talbot (Revocation) (Limited Waiting) and (Resident Permit Holders) Order 2023

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the correspondence received following the advertisement of the Eagle Street and Broad Street, Port Talbot (Revocation) (Limited Waiting) and (Resident Permit Holders) Order 2023, as indicated in Appendix A.

Executive Summary:

The report outlines the proposed traffic regulation orders which were formally advertised resulting in objections being received.

Background:

The scheme was prioritised by the local members following representations from local residents regarding parking issues along

Eagle Street and Broad Street. The nearby town centre has an impact on adjacent residential streets reducing the available parking for residents. The existing orders at the site include resident permit holder parking and consideration has been given to increase the extent of the permit holder parking.

The proposed traffic regulation orders are necessary to balance the parking issues between the general public and residents and to prevent indiscriminate parking in the interest of road safety.

The proposed scheme is indicated in Appendix A.

Financial Impacts:

The scheme is to be funded by the Capital Works Programme.

Integrated Impact Assessment:

A first stage impact assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its legislative duties (under the Equality Act 2010, the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

The first stage assessment, attached at Appendix B, has indicated that a more in-depth assessment is not required. A summary is included below: -

A full impact assessment is not required as the proposed traffic regulation orders will provide a safe environment for all highway users.

Valleys Communities Impacts:

There are 'No Implications' associated with this report.

Workforce Impacts:

There are 'No Implications' associated with this report.

Legal Impacts:

The proposal was advertised for a 28-day period in October / November 2023.

Risk Management Impacts:

There are no risk management impacts associated with this report.

Consultation:

This item has been subject to external consultation.

A consultation exercise was undertaken between Friday 6th October 2023 and Friday 3rd November 2023.

There were 44 letters and plans delivered to the properties on Eagle Street and Broad Street detailing the proposals. Following a four-week consultation exercise, 5 statements of objection and 1 general comment were received.

A summary of the comment/objections received are given below: -

General comment: - *Any officer observations / comments are illustrated in italics in response to the points raised.*

- a) A resident wanted clarification on whether the proposed resident parking was in addition to the existing resident parking or if it was replacing the existing resident parking.

An officer from the Council's Engineering and Transport Section advised the resident that the proposal is to increase the amount of residents parking available on both Eagle Street and Broad Street.

Objection: - *Any officer observations / comments are illustrated in italics in response to the points raised.*

- a) One resident rejects the proposal due to the parking in the area being bad for residents claiming that the train station and the plaza customers park in the street meaning residents have to park around the corner.
- b) A resident objects due to double yellow lines taking up most of Eagle Street already, meaning residents have to park in Tanygroes Street or Beverly Street.
- c) A resident wants to object as they believe a household is only able to access one resident parking permit, and suggests that there should be 2 permits per household.
- d) One resident objects stating that they already park on a different street and suggests that instead of just covering a “chunk of the properties” that the resident permit should cover the entire street.
- e) A resident objects to the proposal for Broad Street as they claim that the resident only parking will have little or no effect on the twice daily school traffic.

Residents are entitled to a maximum of two permits per household under the Council’s current residents parking policy if they do not have off street parking.

Resident only parking may only be placed in up to 50% of the available on-street space under the Council’s current residents parking policy.

The introduction of additional resident parking spaces will increase the available parking provision for residents on Eagle Street and Broad Street.

The Local Members have been consulted on the feedback received and support that the objections are overruled with the scheme being implemented as advertised in Appendix A.

Recommendations:

Having had due regard to the integrated impact assessment it is recommended that the objections are overruled to the Eagle Street and Broad Street, Port Talbot (Revocation) (Limited Waiting) and (Resident Permit Holders) Order 2023 (as detailed in Appendix A to the circulated report) and that the scheme is implemented as advertised.

The objectors will be informed of the decision accordingly.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

The proposed traffic regulation orders are necessary to balance the parking issues between the general public and residents and to prevent indiscriminate parking in the interest of road safety.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

Appendices:

Appendix A – Plan – Broad Street & Eagle Street – Residents Parking and Limited Waiting Scheme – Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders.

Appendix B – Integrated Impact Assessment.

List of Background Papers:

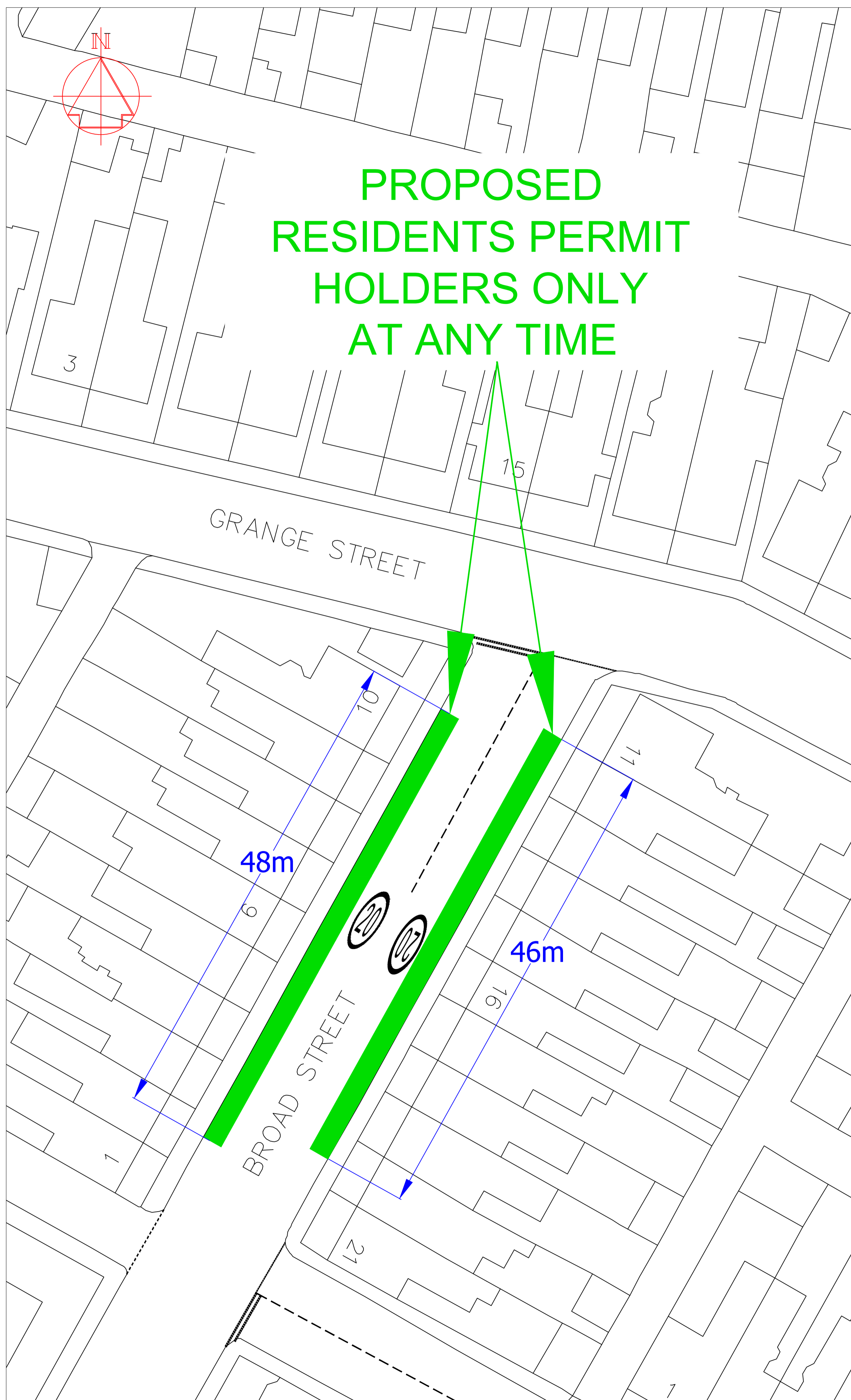
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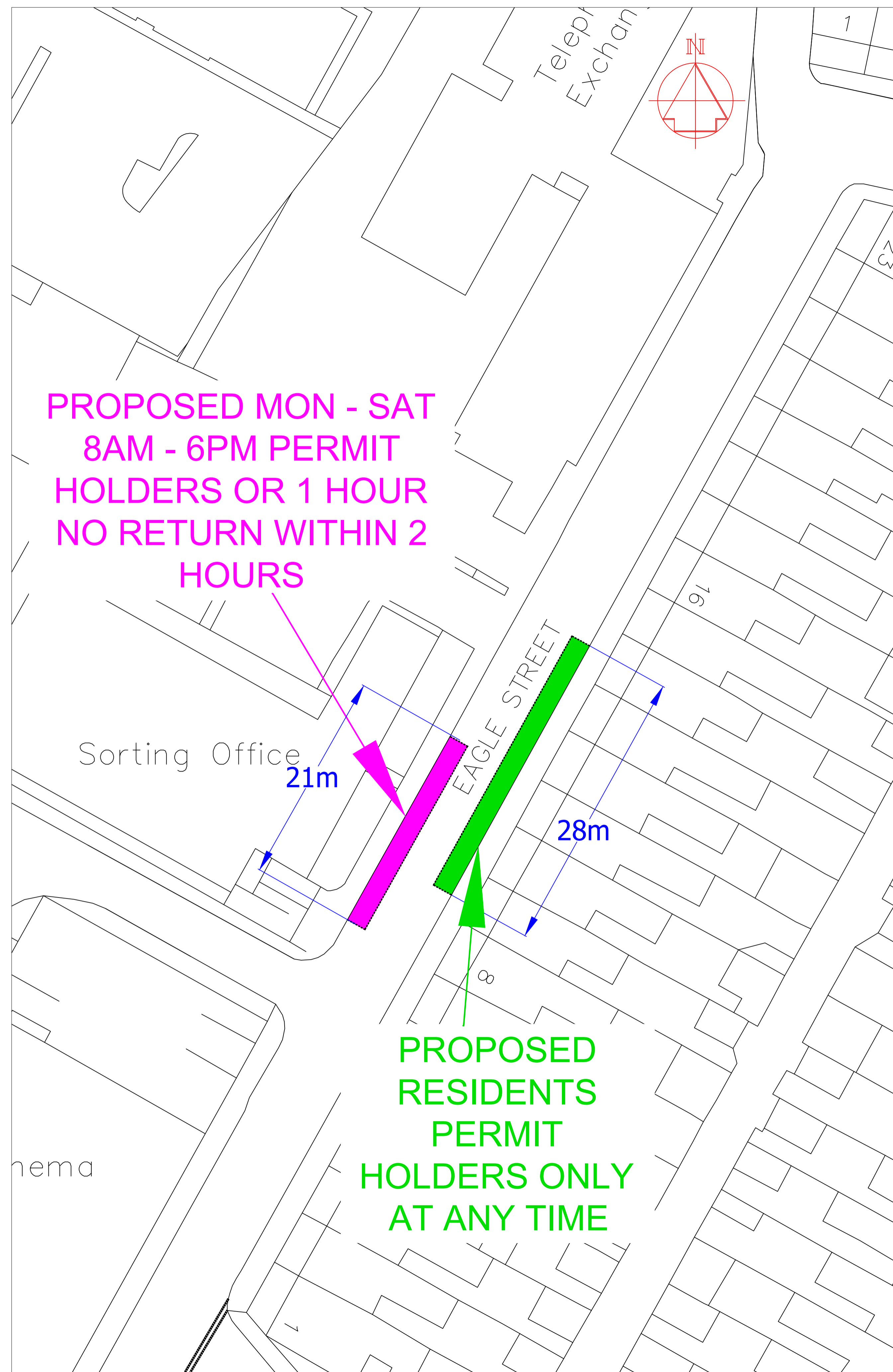
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BROAD STREET PROPOSED LAYOUT SCALE 1:250




EAGLE STREET PROPOSED LAYOUT SCALE 1:250

NOTES

1. All dimensions are in millimetres unless otherwise stated.

KEY:-

 Proposed resident permit holders only

 Proposed Mon - Sat 8AM - 6PM permit holders or 1 hour no return within 2 hours

Rev	Details	Dr	Ch	Ap	Date

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Job Title **BROAD STREET & EAGLE STREET APPENDIX A**

RESIDENT PARKING AND LIMITED WAITING SCHEME

PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

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1. Details of the initiative

Initiative description and summary: Eagle Street and Broad Street, Port Talbot (Revocation) (Limited Waiting) and (Resident Permit Holders) Order 2023
Service Area: Engineering and Transport
Directorate: Environment and Regeneration

2. Does the initiative affect:

	Yes	No
Service users	Y	
Staff	Y	
Wider community	Y	
Internal administrative process only	Y	

3. Does the initiative impact on people because of their:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't Know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence)/How might it impact?
Age		N			L	There is no negative impact as the proposed traffic regulation orders are necessary to balance the parking issues between the general public and residents and to prevent indiscriminate parking in the interest of road safety, thereby benefiting all highway users.
Disability		N			L	
Gender Reassignment		N			L	
Marriage/Civil Partnership		N			L	
Pregnancy/Maternity		N			L	
Race		N			L	
Religion/Belief		N			L	
Sex		N			L	
Sexual orientation		N			L	

4. Does the initiative impact on:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence used) / How might it impact?
People's opportunities to use the Welsh language	Y				L	There will be a positive impact as we welcome all correspondence in Welsh and English when dealing with the wider community.
Treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English	Y				L	There will be a positive impact because all permanent highway approved signage and road markings used in the traffic regulation orders are Bilingual (Welsh / English) with Welsh placed above English.

5. Does the initiative impact on biodiversity:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence) / How might it impact?
To maintain and enhance biodiversity		N			L	There is no negative impact as the road markings are located on the carriageway, therefore the scheme does not impact the existing Flora, Fauna or Biodiversity.
To promote the resilience of ecosystems, i.e. supporting protection of the wider environment, such as air quality, flood alleviation, etc.		N			L	There is no negative impact as the road markings are located away from the kerb allowing the carriageway and footway drainage to function as at present. The scheme is located within the existing road surface and as such there is no opportunity to provide additional drainage systems such as swales, soakaways etc.

6. Does the initiative embrace the sustainable development principle (5 ways of working):

	Yes	No	Details
<p>Long term - how the initiative supports the long term well-being of people</p>	Y		<p>Within the Neath Port Talbot presently 59.6% of adults are obese or overweight (with 23.6% being obese) it is predicted that by 2025 the number will have risen to 66.5%. A quarter of children in Wales are overweight or obese (including 12.4% that are obese) Wales has a higher percentage of adolescents self-reporting to be overweight or obese compared to England, Scotland and Republic of Ireland, with rates being generally higher in boys than girls.</p> <p>Only 48.4% of adults in Neath Port Talbot are meeting the physical activity guidelines compared to 53.1% in Wales. For most people, the easiest form of physical activity are those that can be built into everyday life such as walking and commuting by active travel. By enabling active travel, the proposal will contribute to improved health benefits for users whilst reducing carbon emissions from vehicles.</p> <p>The Welsh Governments Llwybr Nweydd Wales transport strategy sets out the 20 year ambition and focuses on delivering an accessible, sustainable transport system that is good for people, communities, the environment the economy and Welsh language and culture.</p> <p>The 5 year priorities call for a transport system and infrastructure that plays its part in reducing greenhouse gas emissions whilst increasing active travel and public transport use by providing safe, accessible, sustainable transport systems that people will want to use.</p> <p>The sustainable transport hierarchy places active travel at the forefront of transport and sets out how the strategy will encourage people to change their travel behaviour to use low-carbon sustainable transport, cycling and walking as the preferred transport modes.</p> <p>The scheme will help to encourage and maintain Active Travel through maintaining the existing street scene environment, thereby benefiting the community. Furthermore, in September 2023 the Welsh Government</p>

			National 20 mph speed limit default strategy was implemented lowering the speed limit over a greater urban area of secondary estate roads within the locality reducing overall emissions and the promotion of Active Travel, walking and cycling.
Integration - how the initiative impacts upon our wellbeing objectives	Y		The scheme through the proposed traffic regulation order will maintain the existing street scene improving the community health through reduced air pollution and people walking to the local facilities, thereby contributing to other organisations goals on improving health for the population of Wales.
Involvement - how people have been involved in developing the initiative	Y		A statutory consultation exercise for the proposed traffic regulation order was undertaken with 44 letters and plans hand delivered to the adjacent properties detailing the proposals. The traffic regulation orders was advertised in the South Wales Evening Post, on the Council's web site and Notices posted on site. Five objections were received to the scheme and it has been recommended that these objections are overruled.
Collaboration - how we have worked with other services/organisations to find shared sustainable solutions	Y		The various sections within the Council such as Highway Engineering and the Legal section have worked together on this initiative.
Prevention - how the initiative will prevent problems occurring or getting worse	Y		In NPT 25.5% of homes do not have access to a car. Where car ownership levels are low, residents are more likely to be reliant on public transport and active travel for their day to day needs and to access key services and employment. Poor facilities can lead to difficulty in using active travel which can cause to social exclusion and isolation, which subsequently can lead to a range of health and social problems. Facilitating more journeys by Active Travel will reduce our consumption of natural resources and act to tackle the causes and consequences of congestion, climate change, traffic pollution and noise. Encouraging people to be more active by providing Active Travel routes will help people to be healthy, to achieve their potential.

7. Declaration - based on above assessment (tick as appropriate):

A full impact assessment (second stage) is not required	✓
Reasons for this conclusion	
<p>After completing the assessment, it has been determined that this proposal does not require a full Impact Assessment (second stage). The revocation of traffic regulation order will have a positive impact on service users, have no adverse impact on people who share protected characteristics or on people's ability to use the Welsh language.</p> <p>The traffic regulation order will contribute to delivering the Council's Corporate Improvement Plan by improving the wellbeing of people within the community by providing safe passage for all highway users.</p>	

A full impact assessment (second stage) is required	
Reasons for this conclusion	

	Name	Position	Signature	Date
Completed by	Hasan I. Hasan	Engineering Manager	HIH	03/01/2024
Signed off by	D.W.Griffiths	Head of Engineering & Transport	DWG	03/01/2024

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9th February 2024

Report of the Head of Engineering & Transport – D.W.Griffiths

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: Sandfields East

Golwg Y Mor, Aberavon, Port Talbot (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Unloading at any Time) Order 2023

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the correspondence received following the advertisement of the Golwg Y Mor, Aberavon, Port Talbot (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Unloading At Any Time) Order 2023, as indicated in Appendix A.

Executive Summary:

The report outlines the proposed traffic regulation order which was formally advertised resulting in objections being received.

Background:

Representations have been received by the local members regarding indiscriminate parking along Golwg Y Mor preventing access/egress

issues for the residents of Golwg Y Mor and to the rear loading area of Aberavon Leisure & Fitness Centre.

The traffic regulation order is required to address the indiscriminate parking in the interest of road safety.

The proposed scheme is indicated in Appendix A.

Financial Impacts:

The scheme is to be funded by the Capital Works Programme.

Integrated Impact Assessment:

A first stage impact assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its legislative duties (under the Equality Act 2010, the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

The first stage assessment, attached at Appendix B, has indicated that a more in-depth assessment is not required. A summary is included below: -

A full impact assessment is not required as the proposed traffic regulation order will provide a safe environment for all highway users.

Valleys Communities Impacts:

There are 'No Implications' associated with this report.

Workforce Impacts:

There are 'No Implications' associated with this report.

Legal Impacts:

The proposal was advertised for a 21-day period in October / November 2023.

Risk Management Impacts:

There are no risk management impacts associated with this report.

Consultation:

This item has been subject to external consultation.

A consultation exercise was undertaken between Friday 13th October 2023 and Friday 10th November 2023.

There were 15 letters and plans delivered to the properties on Golwg Y Mor detailing the proposals. Following a three-week consultation exercise, 2 statements of objection were received.

A summary of the objections received are given below: -

Objection: - Any officer observations / comments are illustrated in italics in response to the points raised.

- a) A resident objects due to the parking already being bad without double yellow lines there and suggests we only put them on the east side of Golwg-Y-Mor.
- b) One resident wishes to object as visitor parking is already limited in Golwg-Y-Mor and adding double yellow lines would only make it worse.

The objections have been considered and the Council notes that whilst on-street parking provision is limited, there will still remain some unrestricted on-street parking, therefore there will be space for residents and visitors to park as part of the proposals.

The Local Members have been consulted on the feedback received and support that the objections are overruled with the scheme being implemented as advertised in Appendix A.

Recommendations:

Having had due regard to the integrated impact assessment it is recommended that the objections are overruled to the Golwg Y Mor, Aberavon, Port Talbot (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Unloading At Any Time) Order 2023 (as detailed in Appendix A to the circulated report) and that the scheme is implemented as advertised.

The objectors will be informed of the decision accordingly.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

The traffic regulation order is required to address the indiscriminate parking in the interest of road safety.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

Appendices:

Appendix A – Plan – Golwg-Y-Mor, Aberavon, Port Talbot – Traffic Regulation Order.

Appendix B – Integrated Impact Assessment.

List of Background Papers:

None.

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KEY:-

 Proposed no waiting, no loading or unloading at any time traffic order

 Existing no waiting at any time traffic order

DALTON ROAD / HEOL DALTON

RHODFA BEVIN BEVIN AVENUE

Bevin House

£6
68
85

PROPOSED NO WAITING, LOADING OR UNLOADING AT ANYTIME

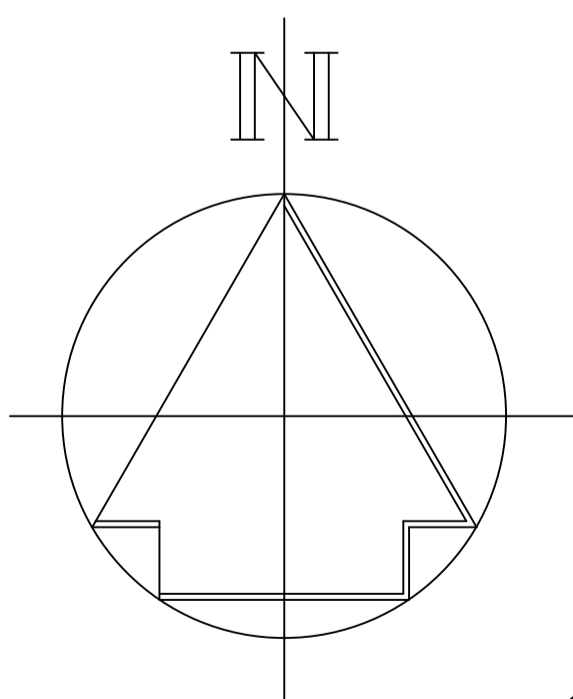
EXISTING NO WAITING AT ANYTIME

PROPOSED NO WAITING, LOADING OR UNLOADING AT ANYTIME

von Beach Hotel


GOLWG-Y-MOR

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GOLWG-Y-MOR, ABERAVON, PORT-TALBOT
APPENDIX A
TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

File No.	BES-001	Financial Code No.	
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Date	JAN 24	Approved	HIH
Date	JAN 24	Date	JAN 24
Scales	1:200	Status	PRELIM
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1. Details of the initiative

Initiative description and summary: Golwg Y Mor, Aberavon, Port Talbot (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Unloading At Any Time) Order 2023
Service Area: Engineering and Transport
Directorate: Environment and Regeneration

2. Does the initiative affect:

	Yes	No
Service users	Y	
Staff	Y	
Wider community	Y	
Internal administrative process only	Y	

3. Does the initiative impact on people because of their:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't Know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence)/How might it impact?
Age		N			L	There is no negative impact as the traffic regulation order is required to address indiscriminate parking in the interest of road safety, thereby benefiting all highway users.
Disability		N			L	
Gender Reassignment		N			L	
Marriage/Civil Partnership		N			L	
Pregnancy/Maternity		N			L	
Race		N			L	
Religion/Belief		N			L	
Sex		N			L	
Sexual orientation		N			L	

4. Does the initiative impact on:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence used) / How might it impact?
People's opportunities to use the Welsh language	Y				L	There will be a positive impact as we welcome all correspondence in Welsh and English when dealing with the wider community.
Treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English	Y				L	There will be a positive impact because all permanent highway approved signage and road markings used in the traffic regulation orders are Bilingual (Welsh / English) with Welsh placed above English.

5. Does the initiative impact on biodiversity:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence) / How might it impact?
To maintain and enhance biodiversity		N			L	There is no negative impact as the road markings are located on the carriageway, therefore the scheme does not impact the existing Flora, Fauna or Biodiversity.
To promote the resilience of ecosystems, i.e. supporting protection of the wider environment, such as air quality, flood alleviation, etc.		N			L	There is no negative impact as the road markings are located away from the kerb allowing the carriageway and footway drainage to function as at present. The scheme is located within the existing road surface and as such there is no opportunity to provide additional drainage systems such as swales, soakaways etc.

6. Does the initiative embrace the sustainable development principle (5 ways of working):

	Yes	No	Details
<p>Long term - how the initiative supports the long term well-being of people</p>	Y		<p>Within the Neath Port Talbot presently 59.6% of adults are obese or overweight (with 23.6% being obese) it is predicted that by 2025 the number will have risen to 66.5%. A quarter of children in Wales are overweight or obese (including 12.4% that are obese) Wales has a higher percentage of adolescents self-reporting to be overweight or obese compared to England, Scotland and Republic of Ireland, with rates being generally higher in boys than girls.</p> <p>Only 48.4% of adults in Neath Port Talbot are meeting the physical activity guidelines compared to 53.1% in Wales. For most people, the easiest form of physical activity are those that can be built into everyday life such as walking and commuting by active travel. By enabling active travel, the proposal will contribute to improved health benefits for users whilst reducing carbon emissions from vehicles.</p> <p>The Welsh Governments Llwybr Nweydd Wales transport strategy sets out the 20 year ambition and focuses on delivering an accessible, sustainable transport system that is good for people, communities, the environment the economy and Welsh language and culture.</p> <p>The 5 year priorities call for a transport system and infrastructure that plays its part in reducing greenhouse gas emissions whilst increasing active travel and public transport use by providing safe, accessible, sustainable transport systems that people will want to use.</p> <p>The sustainable transport hierarchy places active travel at the forefront of transport and sets out how the strategy will encourage people to change their travel behaviour to use low-carbon sustainable transport, cycling and walking as the preferred transport modes.</p>

			The scheme will help to encourage and maintain Active Travel through maintaining the existing street scene environment, thereby benefiting the community. Furthermore, in September 2023 the Welsh Government National 20 mph speed limit default strategy was implemented lowering the speed limit over a greater urban area of secondary estate roads within the locality reducing overall emissions and the promotion of Active Travel, walking and cycling.
Integration - how the initiative impacts upon our wellbeing objectives	Y		The scheme through the proposed traffic regulation order will maintain the existing street scene improving the community health through reduced air pollution and people walking to the local facilities, thereby contributing to other organisations goals on improving health for the population of Wales.
Involvement - how people have been involved in developing the initiative	Y		A statutory consultation exercise for the proposed traffic regulation order was undertaken with 15 letters and plans hand delivered to the adjacent properties detailing the proposals. The revocation of traffic regulation order was advertised in the South Wales Evening Post, on the Council's web site and Notices posted on site. Two objections were received to the scheme and it has been recommended that these objections are overruled.
Collaboration - how we have worked with other services/organisations to find shared sustainable solutions	Y		The various sections within the Council such as Highway Engineering and the Legal section have worked together on this initiative.
Prevention - how the initiative will prevent problems occurring or getting worse	Y		In NPT 25.5% of homes do not have access to a car. Where car ownership levels are low, residents are more likely to be reliant on public transport and active travel for their day to day needs and to access key services and employment. Poor facilities can lead to difficulty in using active travel which can cause to social exclusion and isolation, which subsequently can lead to a range of health and social problems. Facilitating more journeys by Active Travel will reduce our consumption of natural resources and act to tackle the causes and consequences of congestion, climate change, traffic pollution and noise.

			Encouraging people to be more active by providing Active Travel routes will help people to be healthy, to achieve their potential.
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7. Declaration - based on above assessment (tick as appropriate):

A full impact assessment (second stage) is not required	✓
Reasons for this conclusion	
<p>After completing the assessment, it has been determined that this proposal does not require a full Impact Assessment (second stage). The revocation of traffic regulation order will have a positive impact on service users, have no adverse impact on people who share protected characteristics or on people's ability to use the Welsh language.</p> <p>The traffic regulation order will contribute to delivering the Council's Corporate Improvement Plan by improving the wellbeing of people within the community by providing safe passage for all highway users.</p>	

A full impact assessment (second stage) is required	
Reasons for this conclusion	

	Name	Position	Signature	Date
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NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Environment, Regeneration & Streetscene Services Cabinet Board

9th February 2024

Report of the Head of Engineering & Transport D. W. Griffiths

Matter for Decision

Ward Affected: All

Vehicle and Heavy Plant Fleet Procurement Programme 2024/25

Purpose of Report

1. To seek approval to procure new and replacement vehicles and heavy plant in 2024/25 as outlined in the attached programme.
2. To further approve delegated authority for Head of Service to replace vehicles from future years 25/26 if any Grants become available to assist with the purchase of vehicles.

Executive Summary

3. A report has been prepared (appendix a) which identifies Vehicles and Plant which has reached the end of their economic life cycle and require replacement in line with the Authority's Fleet renewals policy.
4. If agreed, vehicles and plant will be procured either by outright purchase, prudential loans or Contract Hire lease and repaid by departments over the life of the vehicles/plant or hire period.

Background

5. The preparation of the Vehicle and Plant Fleet Replacement Programme for 2024-25 has been undertaken by the Council's Fleet section in consultation with user Directorates and Sections,

including a review of current vehicle condition, serviceability and environmental position.

6. Members are advised that running in parallel with this year's procurement programme 2024/25 that a fleet cost and service efficiency exercise is being undertaken to ensure the forward investment plan for renewals reflects current and future service requirements and operational demands of the fleet. This exercise will be driven by the data analytics of the vehicle tracking system, a whole life costing approach, vehicle transition to net zero and vehicle utilisation with a view to reducing costs.
7. Vehicles acquired by contract hire such as vans and certain pool vehicles, are dealt with separately and are not included in this report as there are low numbers of these type vehicles and low costs.
8. Further, members are reminded of the targets to reach net carbon zero on all light vehicles and cars by 2025. Fleet services will undertake a review to ensure that the vehicles are fully utilised by services and supported with the necessary EV charging infrastructure required.
9. The proposed renewal programme is shown on the attached (appendix a). The Fleet Manager, in conjunction with the user Directorates, may decide to extend the working life of individual vehicles or plant once tenders are received and where there are economic advantages to be gained. Going forward the Council will have to give careful consideration to the environmental impact of high emitting carbon vehicles, and to the global supply issues of new vehicles.
10. The means of financing the acquisition of each of the items listed will be either by outright purchase, prudential loan or fixed term contract hire lease.
11. Outright purchase – Can be used to acquire new or preowned vehicles or items of plant. Items acquired by this means will involve monthly contributions to the Renewals Fund for a predetermined period of time prior to the section purchasing the required items.
12. Vehicles purchased from Grant funding or with the help of Grant funding will need to be budgeted for by the service area when a

replacement vehicle is required. Vehicles and plant purchased via grant funding especially in the case of transitioning to zero emission vehicles may be bought forward from future years if identified as a financial benefit to the Authority.

13. Prudential loan – Can be used to acquire new or preowned vehicles or items of plant. Items required by this means will involve loan repayments for a predetermined period of time.
14. The financing costs of the vehicle acquisitions will be a charge on the relevant Directorate's operating account and the means of acquisition will be agreed between the Fleet Manager and user Directorate in each case. In the case of uplifted costs to any new purchases especially with vehicles been transitioned to low emissions the fleet manager will closely liaise with the budget holder and finance section to ensure vehicles are costed and any shortfalls or pressure to departments accounts are identified and reported.
15. Any vehicles purchased out of the Renewals Fund will get the residual value deducted from the total cost of the vehicle. The Fleet Manager will seek an estimated residual value which he expects to achieve at the end of the vehicles economical life or term. The Fleet Manager will expect the vehicles to be returned at the end of the term in a reasonable condition to ensure the vehicle recovers the committed up front residual values. Any additional monies achieved at sale will help off-set any uplift costs of new vehicle purchases out of the renewals fund however due to significant price increase this will be minimal.
16. Vehicles purchased via prudential loans do not follow the above commitment for the residual values. Any monies achieved at auction will be given back to sections minus a disposal arrangement fee.
17. Members will recall the Zero Emission Fleet Transition report which was presented on the 24th September 2021. At that meeting Members approved the Zero Emissions Fleet Transition Plan and the subsequent submission of the plan to the Welsh Government Energy Service on 22nd October 2021, in line with the requirements set out in Welsh Governments Prosperity for All Document 2019, a Low Carbon Wales. The Fleet Transition Plan provides a definitive timeline of when vehicles are to be renewed and what they are to be replaced with. The Transition Plan is a

Management tool which will help the Council budget for the increased costs that will be incurred with E.V's.

Financial Impact

18. Like for like replacements for existing vehicles already has a budget in place to fund the costs of replacement, however due to recent events vehicle costs have significantly increased on ALL vehicles and plant types. A review is currently taking place looking at vehicle utilisation and transport related costs to further improve efficiencies and offset any some financial impacts.
19. Where vehicles and plant are replaced with zero emission equivalents there will be an increased in purchase price. The extra cost are currently funded by some grants. However, going forward the transition cost is expected to increase, each purchase will be reviewed for affordability prior to purchase. As well as capital cost increases there will also be significant pressures in particular the streetcare services budgets where the most vehicles are located which will be costed and reported accordingly.

As well as looking at the cost increase to the vehicle fleet the fleet section in partnership accountable managers will need to critically review all transport related costs and to maximise vehicle efficiencies. It will be essential that managers demonstrate that vehicles are fully utilised before a decision is made to renew or replace. This is essential to manage the council's budget pressures in the future.

Integrated Impact Assessment

20. A first stage Impact Assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its legislative duties (under the Equality Act 2010, the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016. The first stage assessment, attached at Appendix B, has indicated that a more in-depth assessment is not required.

Workforce Impacts

21. There will be no workforce impacts.

Legal Impacts

22. There is no legal risk to the Authority although it is noted that the council are required to meet the Welsh Governments net zero targets.

Risk Management

23. The vehicles and plant listed in this report are reaching the end of their economic life and their replacement will have a beneficial effect on both the environment and the productivity of the Council.

Consultation

24. There is no requirement for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations

25. Having due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment it is recommended that;
26. That Members approve the proposed Vehicle/Plant Procurement Programme for 2024/25 set out at appendix a.
27. That Delegated Authority be granted to the Head of Service in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Transport and Connectivity to purchase any vehicles in order to maximise the availability of Grant funding that may become available to assist with the purchase cost of the vehicles.

Reason for Proposed Decision

28. The replacement vehicles and plant will either be zero emission, hybrid electric or have a higher euro standard which will enable the fleet to be more fuel efficient by producing significantly less MPG's and reducing the carbon footprint of the Council by lower emissions.
29. The Fleet Service in conjunction with the Welsh Government Energy Service have undertaken a review of the Councils Fleet of vehicles to establish usage within sections and where there are opportunities for introducing full electric and other zero emission vehicles and plant to further reduce the Councils carbon emissions in line with the Councils Fleet Transition Plan.

Implementation of Decision

30. The decision is proposed for implementation after the three-day call-in period.

Appendices

31. Appendix A – Fleet Procurement Programme 2024/25.
32. Appendix B – IIA

List of Background Papers

33. Vehicle Transition Plan

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Appendix A

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Castell-Nedd Port Talbot

ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE

FLEET SERVICES SECTION

VEHICLE FLEET PROCUREMENT PROGRAMME

2024/25

User: Environment Directorate – Streetcare Division – Waste & Neighbourhood Services

Fleet No.	Reg No.	Existing Item	Replacement Type
60	WX67 EOP	RECYCLING VEHICLE	LIKE FOR LIKE POSSIBLE EV
61	VX18 KCJ	REFUSE FREIGHTER	LIKE FOR LIKE
64	VX18 KCN	REFUSE FREIGHTER	LIKE FOR LIKE
62	VX18 KCU	REFUSE FREIGHTER	LIKE FOR LIKE
63	VX18 KCK	REFUSE FREIGHTER	LIKE FOR LIKE
60	VX18 KCO	REFUSE FREIGHTER	LIKE FOR LIKE
59	VX17 KGJ	REFUSE FREIGHTER	LIKE FOR LIKE
58	VX17 KGK	REFUSE FREIGHTER	LIKE FOR LIKE
2967	CU15 TKX	HEAVY VAN	LIKE FOR LIKE
4896	CK15 JOA	LIGHT VAN	ELECTRIC LIGHT VAN
2961	WR15 VTT	HEAVY VAN	LIKE FOR LIKE
2969	WR15 VWA	HEAVY VAN	LIKE FOR LIKE
2970	WR15 VWF	HEAVY VAN	LIKE FOR LIKE
2977	CU15 TLV	HEAVY VAN	LIKE FOR LIKE

2979	CP15 PDZ	HEAVY VAN	LIKE FOR LIKE
2980	CP15 PEO	HEAVY VAN	LIKE FOR LIKE
2985	CV16 MWX	HEAVY VAN	LIKE FOR LIKE
5644	CV17 HHT	RIDE ON MOWER	LIKE FOR LIKE
5643	CV17 HHU	RIDE ON MOWER	LIKE FOR LIKE
4923	CJ19 EJK	LIGHT VAN	ELECTRIC LIGHT VAN
5699	5699	BEACH CLEANER	LIKE FOR LIKE
5655	CR19 FOC	RIDE ON MOWER	LIKE FOR LIKE
5654	CR19 FOD	RIDE ON MOWER	LIKE FOR LIKE
5653	CR19 FOF	RIDE ON MOWER	LIKE FOR LIKE
5652	CR19 FOH	RIDE ON MOWER	LIKE FOR LIKE
2983	WO65 DSU	HEAVY VAN	LIKE FOR LIKE
4901	CV15 DXS	LIGHT VAN	ELECTRIC LIGHT VAN
4906	WM65 GKJ	LIGHT VAN	ELECTRIC LIGHT VAN

User: Environment Directorate – Streetcare Division – Public Lighting

Fleet No.	Reg No.	Existing Item	Replacement Type
4900	CV15 DXP	LIGHT VAN	ELECTRIC LIGHT VAN

User: – Environment Directorate – Engineering and Transport Division - Parking Services

Fleet No.	Reg No.	Existing Item	Replacement Type
4904	CV65 TFJ	LIGHT VAN	ELECTRIC LIGHT VAN
4905	CV65 TFK	LIGHT VAN	ELECTRIC LIGHT VAN

User: Environment Directorate – Streetcare Division – Building Services

Fleet No.	Reg No.	Existing Item	Replacement Type
4899	CK15 CLU	LIGHT VAN	ELECTRIC LIGHT VAN
4895	CK15 JNO	LIGHT VAN	ELECTRIC LIGHT VAN
4898	CN15 UEB	LIGHT VAN	ELECTRIC LIGHT VAN
4897	CK15 JNL	LIGHT VAN	ELECTRIC LIGHT VAN
3811	CE15 LVU	MEDIUM PANEL VAN	LIKE FOR LIKE
3814	CE15 LVV	MEDIUM PANEL VAN	LIKE FOR LIKE
3816	CE15 LVW	MEDIUM PANEL VAN	LIKE FOR LIKE

3815	CE15 LVX	MEDIUM PANEL VAN	LIKE FOR LIKE
3812	CE15 XBC	MEDIUM PANEL VAN	LIKE FOR LIKE
3813	CN15 LKU	MEDIUM PANEL VAN	LIKE FOR LIKE
3818	CN15 LKV	MEDIUM PANEL VAN	LIKE FOR LIKE
4903	CV15 SXX	LIGHT VAN	ELECTRIC LIGHT VAN
4902	CV15 DXR	LIGHT VAN	ELECTRIC LIGHT VAN
2973	CN15 BXP	HEAVY VAN	LIKE FOR LIKE
2981	CU65 LLW	HEAVY VAN	LIKE FOR LIKE
2982	CU65 LLX	HEAVY VAN	LIKE FOR LIKE
3827	CA65 VUD	MEDIUM PANEL VAN	LIKE FOR LIKE
3824	CA65 VUE	MEDIUM PANEL VAN	LIKE FOR LIKE
3826	CA65 VUF	MEDIUM PANEL VAN	LIKE FOR LIKE
3825	CA65 VUG	MEDIUM PANEL VAN	LIKE FOR LIKE

User: Environment Directorate – Countryside

Fleet No.	Reg No.	Existing Item	Replacement Type
3822	CN65 YSX	4X4 PICK UP	LIKE FOR LIKE

**User: Environment Directorate – Engineering and Transport
Division – Technical Services General Office**

Fleet No.	Reg No.	Existing Item	Replacement Type
FC22	CA19 FOF	Car	Electric Car
FC23	CA19 FOD	Car	Electric Car
4910	CU16 SYV	LIGHT VAN	ELECTRIC LIGHT VAN

**User: Environment Directorate – Streetcare Division – Highway
Maintenance Drainage and Street works**

Fleet No.	Reg No.	Existing Item	Replacement Type
2966	CU15 TKJ	HEAVY VAN	LIKE FOR LIKE
2963	CU15 TTK	HEAVY VAN	LIKE FOR LIKE
2965	CU15 TKT	HEAVY VAN	LIKE FOR LIKE
2964	CU15 TKF	HEAVY VAN	LIKE FOR LIKE
4884	CV15 DMF	LIGHT VAN	ELECTRIC LIGHT VAN
4888	CV15 DLZ	LIGHT VAN	ELECTRIC LIGHT VAN
4885	CV15 DME	LIGHT VAN	ELECTRIC LIGHT VAN
4887	CV15 DMO	LIGHT VAN	ELECTRIC LIGHT VAN
4886	CV15 DMU	LIGHT VAN	ELECTRIC LIGHT VAN
2968	CU15 TKY	HEAVY VAN	LIKE FOR LIKE

1285	CU15 TNE	HGV LLORRY	LIKE FOR LIKE
2976	CU15 TKZ	HEAVY VAN	LIKE FOR LIKE
2975	CU15 TLO	HEAVY VAN	LIKE FOR LIKE
3820	CV15 SXG	4X4 PICK UP	LIKE FOR LIKE
3819	CV15 SXF	4X4 PICK UP	LIKE FOR LIKE
2978	CU15 TLX	HEAVY VAN	LIKE FOR LIKE
2974	CP15 PFA	HEAVY VAN	LIKE FOR LIKE
99	CF15 LCZ	SPECIALIST HGV GRITTER	LIKE FOR LIKE
ST3	ST3	PALLET LIFTER STORES	LIKE FOR LIKE

User: Environment Directorate – Trading Standards

Fleet No.	Reg No.	Existing Item	Replacement Type
3821	CK15 UPF	MEDIUM PANEL VAN	LIKE FOR LIKE

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Impact Assessment - First Stage

1. Details of the initiative

Initiative description and summary: Vehicle and Heavy Plant Fleet Procurement Programme 2024/25
Service Area: Engineering and Transport
Directorate: Environment and Regeneration

2. Does the initiative affect:

	Yes	No
Service users	Y	
Staff	Y	
Wider community	Y	
Internal administrative process only		N

3. Does the initiative impact on people because of their:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't Know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence)/How might it impact?
Age		N				The renewal of fleet vehicles and plant will have no impact on anyone with protected characteristics.
Disability		N				The renewal of fleet vehicles and plant will have no impact on anyone with protected characteristics.
Gender Reassignment		N				The renewal of fleet vehicles and plant will have no impact on anyone with protected characteristics.
Marriage/Civil Partnership		N				The renewal of fleet vehicles and plant will have no impact on anyone with protected characteristics.
Pregnancy/Maternity		N				The renewal of fleet vehicles and plant will have no impact on anyone with protected characteristics.

Race		N				The renewal of fleet vehicles and plant will have no impact on anyone with protected characteristics.
Religion/Belief		N				The renewal of fleet vehicles and plant will have no impact on anyone with protected characteristics.
Sex		N				The renewal of fleet vehicles and plant will have no impact on anyone with protected characteristics.
Sexual orientation		N				The renewal of fleet vehicles and plant will have no impact on anyone with protected characteristics.

4. Does the initiative impact on:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence used) / How might it impact?
People's opportunities to use the Welsh language		N				The renewal of vehicles will have a positive impact on the ability of staff to communicate in Welsh with Bilingual signage and livery.
Treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English		N				Replacement vehicles will not impact on provision to ensure staff can use their first language of choice.

5. Does the initiative impact on biodiversity:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence) / How might it impact?
To maintain and enhance biodiversity		N				There is no impact and there are no pathways for biodiversity to be maintained/enhanced.

To promote the resilience of ecosystems, i.e. supporting protection of the wider environment, such as air quality, flood alleviation, etc.	Y					Renewing old vehicles will have a positive effect on air quality for everyone living in Neath and Port Talbot CBC due to new vehicles emitting less emissions and improving air quality. Where possible zero emission vehicles will be procured in line with the Fleet Transition plan.
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6. Does the initiative embrace the sustainable development principle (5 ways of working):

	Yes	No	Details
Long term - how the initiative supports the long term well-being of people	Y		The vehicle and plant renewals will support well-being by using the latest vehicle technologies.
Integration - how the initiative impacts upon our wellbeing objectives	Y		The fleet renewal programme supports frontline services by procuring, maintaining vehicles and equipment necessary to ensure NPT is a safe and healthy place to work and live.
Involvement - how people have been involved in developing the initiative	Y		Staff will be engaged when developing vehicle and plant specifications
Collaboration - how we have worked with other services/organisations to find shared sustainable solutions	Y		Working with the National Procurement service to ensure value for money and reduce additional resources within the Authority. Collaborating with service to ensure the most efficient vehicles and plant is procured for their services. The Council is collaborating with Welsh Government Energy Services (WGES) to ensure smooth transition to zero emission vehicles and secure funding to achieve transition goals set out in the plan.

Prevention - how the initiative will prevent problems occurring or getting worse	Y		By working with sections to ensure staff can effectively provide essential frontline services.
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7. Declaration - based on above assessment (tick as appropriate):

A full impact assessment (second stage) is not required	✓
Reasons for this conclusion	
After completing the assessment it has been determined that this proposal does not require a full Impact Assessment (second stage) and has a positive impact on staff, service delivery and the environment.	

A full impact assessment (second stage) is required	
Reasons for this conclusion	

	Name	Position	Signature	Date
Completed by	Kevin Lewis	Fleet manager	KL	17-Jan-2024
Signed off by	D. W Griffiths	Head of Engineering & Transport	DWG	25-Jan-2024



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Neath Port Talbot Council

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Environment, Regeneration and Streetscene Services Cabinet Board

9th February 2024

**Joint Report of
Head of Streetcare, Mr. Michael Roberts,
and
Head of Leisure, Tourism, Heritage and Culture, Mr Chris
Saunders**

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: Sandfields West, Sandfields East

Public Space Protection Order, Aberavon Beach and Promenade

Purpose of the Report:

To seek approval to make Public Space Protection Orders at Aberavon Beach and Aberavon Promenade under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

Executive Summary:

The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 provided several tools and powers for use by local authorities to address and

control a range of issues linked with anti-social behaviour. This included powers to introduce Public Space Protection Orders and measures relating to the control of dogs. For many years the council has had in place By-laws, and in more recent years PSPOs, relating to the control of dogs on Aberavon Beach and Aberavon Promenade. PSPOs have to be renewed every three years. It should be noted that the vast majority of dog owners are responsible and cause few issues.

There were two PSPO's in force at Aberavon, which expired on the 20th October 2023, namely:

Public Spaces Protection Order – Exclusion of dogs from Aberavon Beach (1st May – 30 September) Order 2020; and

Public Spaces Protection Order – Dogs on leads on Promenade (1st May – 30th September) Order 2020.

The PSPOs were first introduced in 2017, after the old bylaws were no longer applicable after a change in legislation. They were renewed in 2020 and are now due for renewal again. As part of establishing or renewing a PSPO there is a legal process to be followed which includes a requirement for consultation. Given time constraints and the fact that the process is the same, it was proposed to introduce new Orders from the start of the new season in May 2024 as opposed to extending the expired Orders from September 2023. This provided an opportunity for a broader review. Any replacement Orders will need be in place for 1st May 2024.

As part of reviewing the orders, a six week consultation has recently been carried out. As per statutory guidance, key stakeholders were sent information packs that contained all the relevant information in respect of the proposed replacement Orders, and the consultation was also made available online for public responses. There were 690 responses to the consultation that contained a mixed response for the

continuation of the Orders, and although no direct responses were received from South Wales Police or the Dogs Trust, a letter was received from the Kennel Club, which is shown as point 105 on Appendix B.

In answer to the queries raised by the Kennel Club, the offences do not apply to a person who has a disability which affects their mobility, manual dexterity, physical coordination, or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, or in respect of a dog trained by a registered charity and upon which the person relies for assistance. Appropriate signage has been in place since the original Dog Control Orders and subsequent PSPOs have been in place. In all circumstances, enforcement officers would do a dynamic assessment in this regard at the time of dealing with any enforcement issues.

A response was also received from the RSPCA, which is shown as point 106 on Appendix B.

It is recommended that the previous PSPO's are made prior to the 1st May 2024 to ensure that appropriate dog control measures continue as appropriate at Aberavon Beach and Promenade

Background:

General

For many years, the Council has been committed to dealing with the detrimental environmental effects caused by uncontrolled dogs on the Beach and Promenade, particularly during the summer seasonal period (from 1 May to 30 September, each year). A total ban of dogs entering the designated area at any time during the summer season, is also a requirement for potential 'Blue Flag' status. Reports also show that dog fouling reports rise, when the PSPOs are not in effect.

To this end, the Council has had in place Public Space Protection Orders to preclude dog owners from taking their dogs onto a designated part of the beach from 1 May – 30 September annually, in line with the bathing water season, and that dogs must be kept on a lead whilst on the promenade during the same period. Prior to the introduction of the Orders, consideration was given to dog walkers who wished to visit the beach with their dogs and as a consequence certain areas of the beach were omitted from the Orders for this purpose. Across circa 5km of beachfront at Aberavon, 2km of the beach is impacted by the Orders meaning more than 50% is still available for dogs to use. The restrictions proposed from May 2024 are the same as previous restrictions.

Dog owners who fail to clean up after their dogs or control their animals, not only cause a nuisance but potentially threaten the health and well-being of the public. This is particularly the case around the beach area during the summer months where there are many beach users, and a significant number of young children playing on the beach. To address this issue, the Council adopted the 'Aberavon Beach Public Space Protection Orders' in 2017, further to a change in legislation with dispensed with the former Dog Control Bylaws. The Orders put in place seasonal restrictions relating to the control of dogs during the bathing season each year from 1st May to 30th September. PSPOs are only valid for three years and these PSPO's were extended for a further three years in 2020 after a public consultation.

South Wales Police was asked to conduct a search of their records regarding the amount of dog incidents on the beach. They identified four reported incidents in September 2021; November 2021; January 2022; and April 2022.

Enforcement

A breach of the a PSPO is a criminal offence, which can be dealt with either by way of a £75 Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN), or a prosecution resulting in a fine of up to £1,000 on conviction. Only those aged over 18 can be issued with a FPN. Enforcement is conducted by the Waste Enforcement Section within Neighbourhood Services. Officers also liaise with South Wales Police to ensure that front-line personnel such as Police Community Support Officers are also aware of the power, and how to utilise it, to help maximise the impact of the Orders.

The current restrictions and associated enforcement is believed to be having a positive impact on the local environment generally, and on children playing in the beach area in particular. Furthermore, given the positive impact there is believed to be an expectation from the public that the Council will continue with controls and their policing along the beach and promenade during the summer periods.

Consultation

As part of considering renewal of the Orders, a public consultation exercise was undertaken over a six week period which ended on the 17th November 2023.

At the start of the process, information packs were sent out to key stakeholders, including a questionnaire and notices of intent regarding extension of the orders, as follows:

- The Chief Officer of South Wales Police. (as prescribed in the guidance);
- The Kennel Club;
- The Dogs Trust; and
- The six local Members.

The associated documents, together with the questionnaire, were also made available online with an invitation for the public to express their

views. Signage was also erected on the promenade at Aberavon Beach, Neath Civic Centre and Port Talbot Civic Centre, advising of the consultation process and the proposals with respect to the Public Space Protection Orders, including plans of the proposed restricted areas at Aberavon Beach.

The responses to the consultation exercise have been collated and summary details are given in Appendix A, with the detailed response contained in Appendices B to G. Regardless of whether consultees identified as being an owner of a dog or not, the consultation identified a significant majority in favour of implementing a Public Spaces Protection Order for Dogs to be on leads on the Promenade. The responses to the consultation in respect of implementing the Public Spaces Protection Order for Exclusion of dogs from Aberavon Beach varied greatly however. Whilst a total of 54% of overall responses were against implementing the exclusion order on the beach, further analysis of the data illustrated a significant difference in responses between dog owners and those who do not own a dog. Whilst only circa 30% of dog owners were in favour of implementing this PSPO, some 85% of those that do not own a dog called for its implementation.

Some responses requested that time of day when the restriction is applied be considered to allow periods for locals to exercise their dogs unrestricted on the whole of the beach. On enquiry, Keep Wales Tidy have confirmed that Cornwall Council has been given special dispensation by the Blue Flag National Operator, to allow time restricted dog orders on some of their 'Blue Flag' Beaches. Conversely, Keep Wales Tidy has advised it would not allow time restrictions on a 'Blue Flag' Beach in Wales, when considering this award. Aberavon Beach was awarded a Seaside Award in 2023 and an application has been submitted for the same in 2024. The beach awards are largely predicated on water quality and if results continue to improve and stabilise as they have in recent years a future Blue Flag

application will be considered No local authorities in Wales currently use time restricted dog control orders and enforcement officers views are that the use of time restrictions is likely to lead to problems with respect to applying a consistent approach to enforcement and also confusion, with any persons found on the restricted beach area protesting a lack of knowledge of the current time. Furthermore, to date people using the beach during the early hours of the summer months may well view it as a 'safe space' without concerns for free running dogs. With a time of day restriction there would also be the likelihood of more dog fouling incidents occurring on the restricted beach area.

It is noted if changes are made to the previous PSPO restrictions u then signage would also have to be replaced at an estimated cost of £2,500.

Further to considering the consultation responses it is proposed to apply the Orders used to date for a further three years.

Financial Impacts:

There are no financial impacts associated with the recommendation of this report.

Should members decide to alter or not to implement the PSPOs there would be costs relating to signage estimated around £2500.

Integrated Impact Assessment:

A first stage impact assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its legislative duties (under the Equality Act 2010, the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015, the

Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

The first stage assessment, attached at Appendix J, has indicated that a more in-depth assessment is not required. A summary is included below:-

A full impact assessment is not required as the proposals would not have any adverse impact on people with protected characteristics or people's ability to use the Welsh language. Generally, there is a positive impact in terms of biodiversity, with the only potential negative impact being the dispersal of dog walkers to other areas of the coast; however, as this is currently the status quo and has been the case for many years, the impact would be minimum and can be managed by an awareness programme if required. The initiative would also support the sustainable development principle as required by The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

Valleys Communities Impacts:

No implications.

Workforce Impacts:

No implications.

Legal Impacts:

The implementation of PSPOs is a discretionary power and for any Order to be made or extended, a local authority must be satisfied it is reasonable and necessary to do so. The previous PSPOs in Aberavon expired in October 2023 at the end of the bathing season.

The 'legal test' for the making of a PSPO relates to the impact of the anti-social behaviour. Section 59 of the 2014 Act, empowers local authorities to make a PSPO if they are satisfied on reasonable grounds that two conditions are met. First, that:

- a) Activities carried on in a public space within the local authorities area have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality; and,
- b) It is likely that activities will be carried on in a public space within that area and that they will have such effect.

The second condition is that the effect of the activities is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature such as to make the activities unreasonable and therefore justifies the restrictions imposed by the PSPO.

Section 59(5) of the 2014 Act provides that the only prohibitions or requirements that may be imposed are ones that are reasonable to impose in order to:

- Prevent the detrimental effect referred to above from continuing, occurring or reoccurring; or,
- Reduce the detrimental effect or to reduce the risk of its continuance, occurrence of reoccurrence.

As referred to above, there is a statutory requirement for a local authority to consult with the persons and/or public bodies identified above. Consideration of any representations received is important as when any new PSPO is made the Order can be challenged in the High Court by any person directly affected by the making of an Order within six weeks of the PSPO being made.

Risk Management Impacts:

The previous PSPOs expired at the end of the last summer season. Should new PSPOs not be made then it is anticipated that anti-social behaviour associated with a lack of dog control would return and increase in the next summer season.

Recommendations:

Having had due regard to the first stage Integrated Impact Assessment, it is recommended the Public Space Protection Orders set out in Appendices H and I are implemented before the 1st May 2024.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

To ensure that appropriate dog control measures continue as appropriate at Aberavon Beach and Promenade.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

Appendices:

Appendix A - Public consultation results summary.

Appendix B - Comments disagreeing with the PSPO at Aberavon Beach.

Appendix C - Comments in favour with the PSPO at Aberavon Beach.

Appendix D - Comments suggesting dogs having leads on Aberavon Beach.

Appendix E - Other comments.

Appendix F - Staffing suggestions.

Appendix G - Comments proposing time based restrictions.

Appendix H - Proposed beach PSPO.

Appendix I - Proposed promenade PSPO.
Appendix J - Integrated Impact Assessment.

List of Background Papers:

None.

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Proposed Public Space Protection Order 2024-2027 (Dogs exclusion from Beach)

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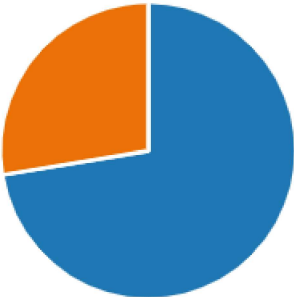
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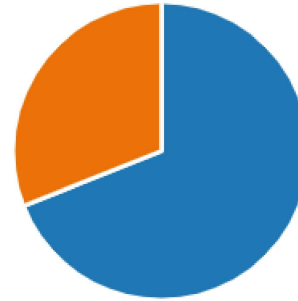
1. Do you own a dog(s)?

● Yes	499
● No	190



2. Are you a dog walker?

● Yes	474
● No	213



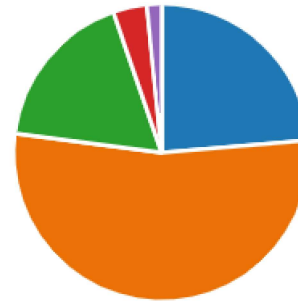
3. Are you a professional dog walker?

● Yes	8
● No	678



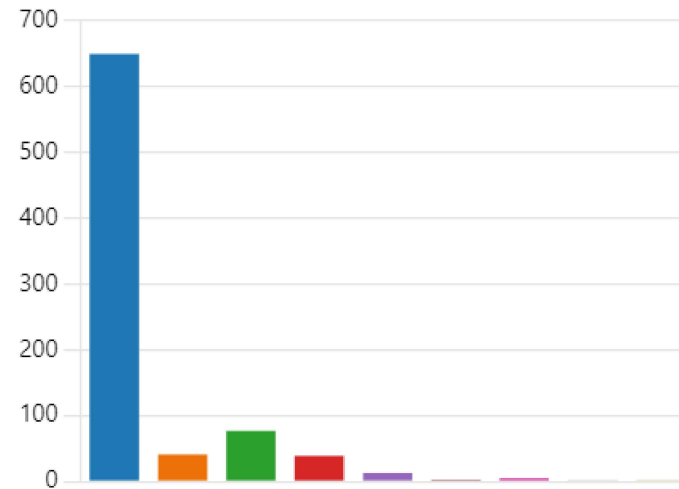
4. How many dogs do you walk?

None	161
One	363
Two	120
Three	25
More than three	11



5. Who are you responding as? (please tick all that apply)

A local resident who lives in the ...	649
A Neath Port Talbot County Bor...	41
A person who works in the Neat...	77
Visitor to the Neath Port Talbot ...	39
Local business owner/manager	13
A local County Borough, Town o...	3
Representative of a local comm...	5
Prefer not to say	1
Other	2



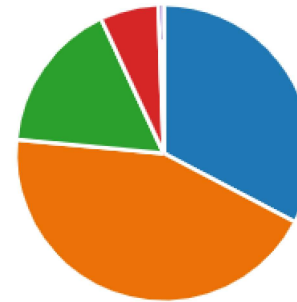
6. If other, please specify

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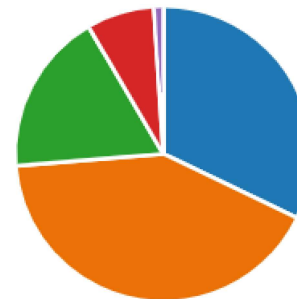
7. How often do you visit Aberavon Beach?

● Daily	225
● Weekly	302
● Monthly	114
● Less often	44
● Never	4

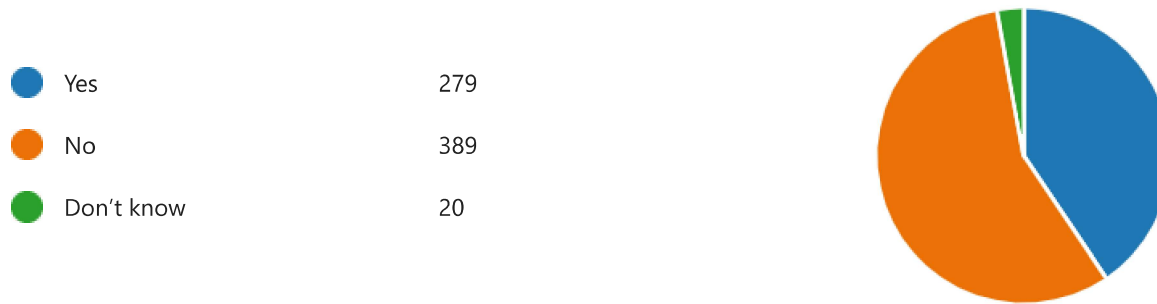


8. How often do you visit the Aberavon Promenade?

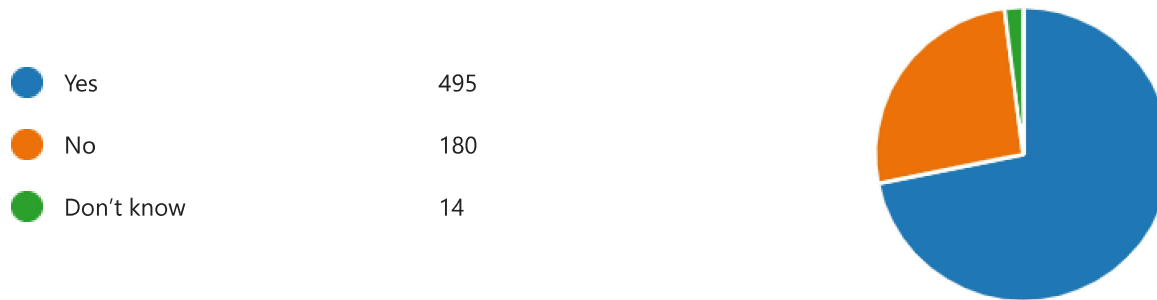
● Daily	221
● Weekly	286
● Monthly	123
● Less often	51
● Never	7



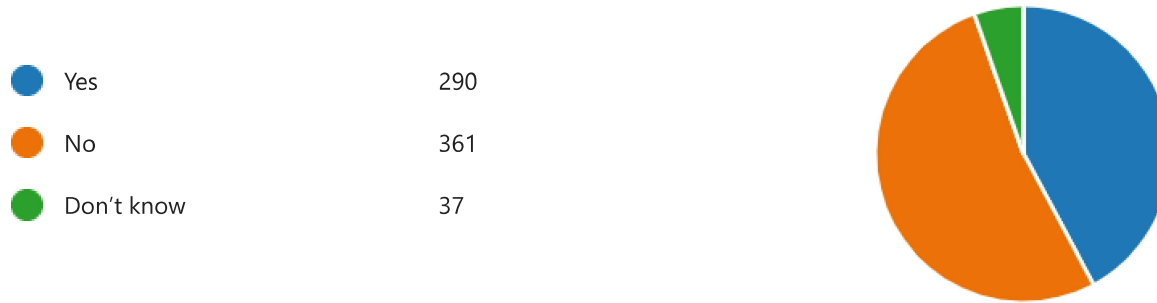
9. Do you think there is an issue, or would be an issue, with having dogs on Aberavon Beach during the high season between 1st May and 30th September?



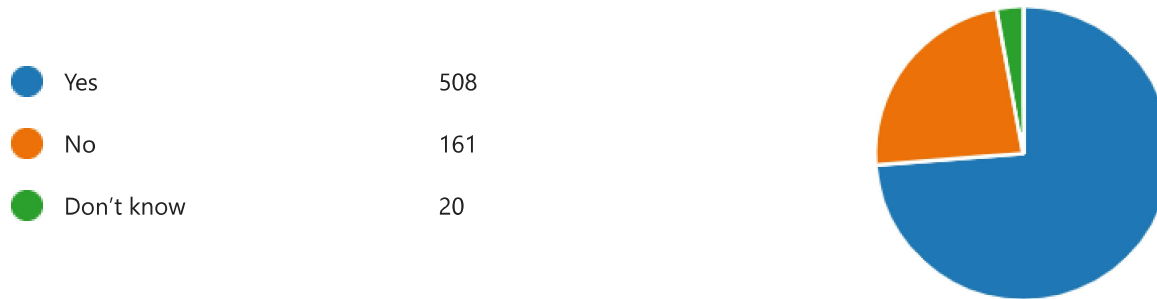
10. Do you think there is an issue, or would be an issue, with dogs not on leads, on Aberavon Promenade between 1st May and 30th September?



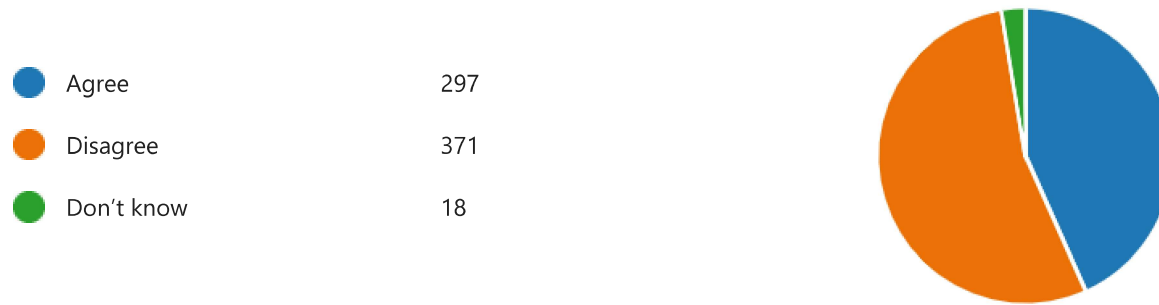
11. Do you think a continuation of the legal restrictions to exclude dogs from Aberavon Beach (between 1st May and 30th September each year) would protect local residents and visitors?



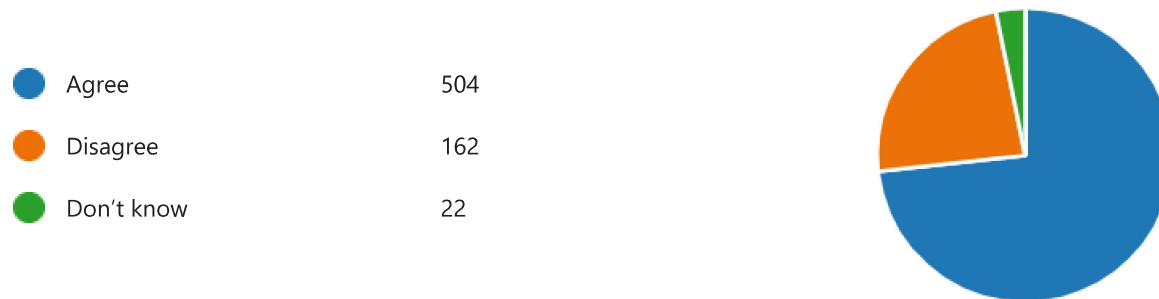
12. Do you think legal restrictions to ensure dogs are kept on leads on Aberavon Promenade (between 1st May and 30th September each year) would protect local residents and visitors?



13. **The Council is proposing to continue to make it an offence if a person in charge of a dog(s), allows that dog(s) on to Aberavon Beach between 1st May and 30th September, annually. Do you;**

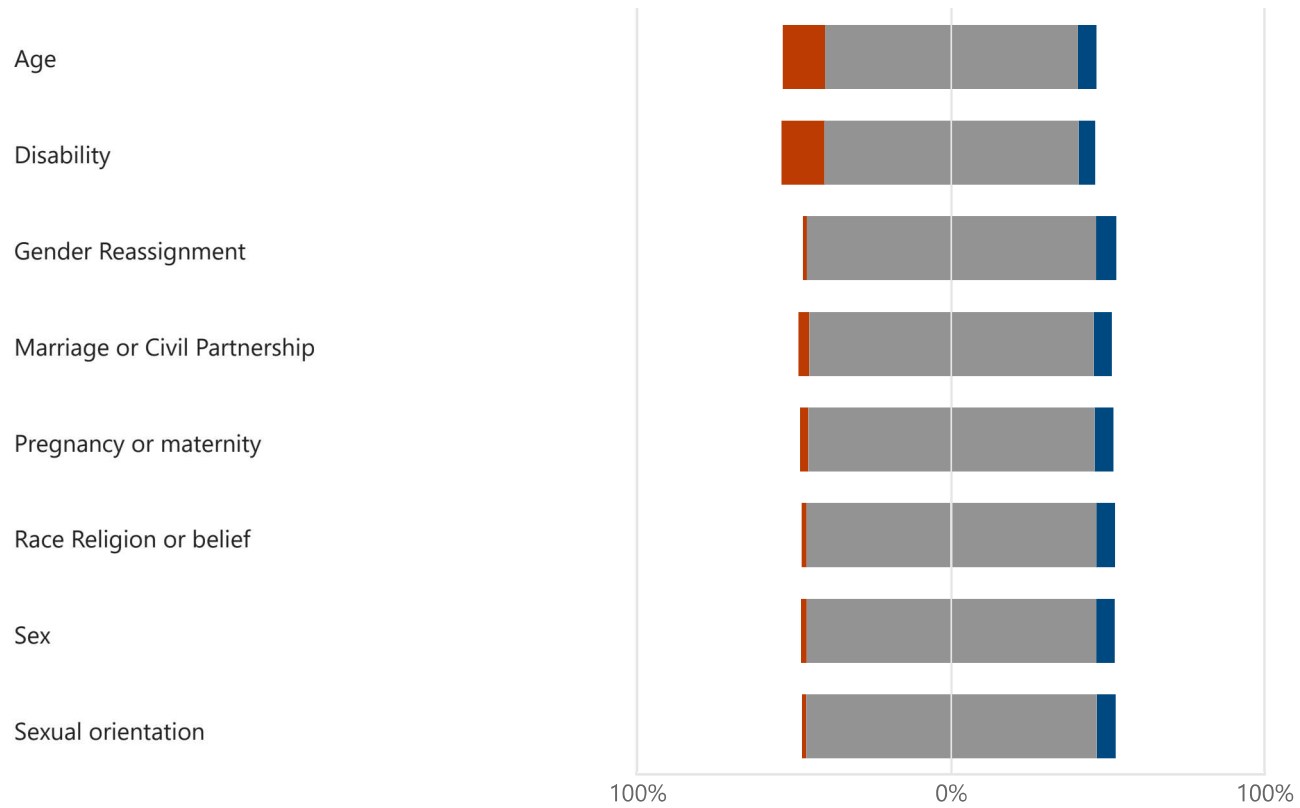


14. **The Council is proposing to continue to make it an offence if a person in charge of a dog(s), allows that dog(s) to be on Aberavon Promenade without a lead, between 1st May and 30th September, annually. Do you:**



15. Would the Proposed Public Space Protection Order 2024-2027 (Dogs exclusion from Beach) have an impact on you and/or your family because of your and/or their:

Yes No Don't know



16. If yes, please explain why

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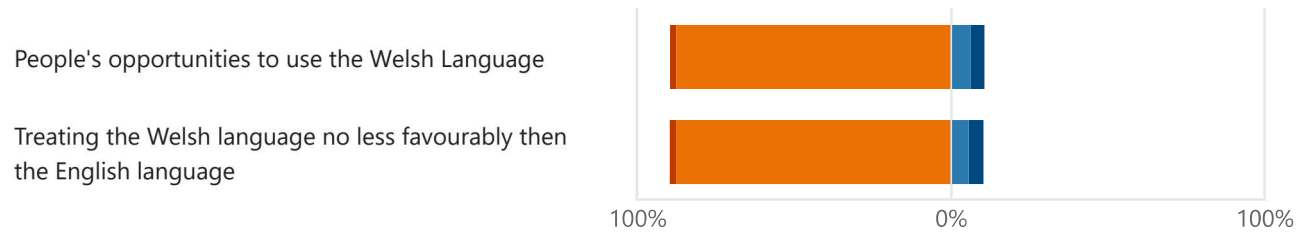
[Update](#)

79 respondents (80%) answered **dogs** for this question.

A word cloud of responses related to dogs and beaches. The word "dogs" is the largest and most prominent. Other significant words include "walking", "beach and promenade", "fear of dogs", "dog mess", "dog on the beach", "dogs running", "dog walkers", "dog owners", "Aberavon beach", "Loose dogs", "dogs off leads", "smaller beach", "dog is small", "beach has an easy", "dogs are not", "access to the beach", and "dogs and attacks".

17. What effect do you think the Proposed Public Space Protection Order 2024-2027 (Dogs exclusion from Beach) will have on:

■ Positive ■ No effect ■ Neagtive ■ Don't know



18. Please give the reason(s) for your response to question 17:

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"Being unable to walk your dog on the beach has no impact on speaking the..."

"Love to hear Welsh spoken without dogs barking in my ears"

[Update](#)

51 respondents (22%) answered **welsh language** for this question.

A word cloud of reasons for the response 'welsh language'. The words are in various shades of teal and blue. The most prominent word is 'welsh language' in the center. Other words include 'dog mess', 'dog walking', 'dog exclusion', 'dogs and dog', 'dog walkers', 'Welsh/English', 'Welsh speakers dog have an effect', 'English and Welsh', 'not what language', 'language issue', 'use Welsh', 'dogs on the beach', 'speak', 'language and dogs', 'relation to dogs', 'dog owners', 'dog on a lead', and 'Beach should be dog'.

19. If you have any other comments or suggestions please write them here:

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"There seems to be a lot more foreign languages spoken than Welsh around ...

[Update](#)

66 respondents (19%) answered **dogs and their owners** for this question.

A word cloud of responses related to dogs and their owners. The most prominent phrase is "dogs and their owners". Other phrases include "dogs on the beach", "dogs on leads", "dog walkers", "dog mess", "dog friendly", "Responsible dog", "dog warden", "dog foul", "dog fowl", "dog mess allowed to take the dogs", "dog warden", "dog into the dog", "issue for dogs", "ban of dogs", "not everyone is a dog", "Dogs are not", "dogs running", "beach when dogs", "clean up dog", "time dogs", "no dogs", and "dog friendly".

20. **Please provide your full postcode below (e.g. SA13 1PJ).** This allows us to more accurately pinpoint respondents' views and needs by area, and to make sure we've heard from people in all parts of the county borough:-

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"Sa11 3rz "

"Sa126up"

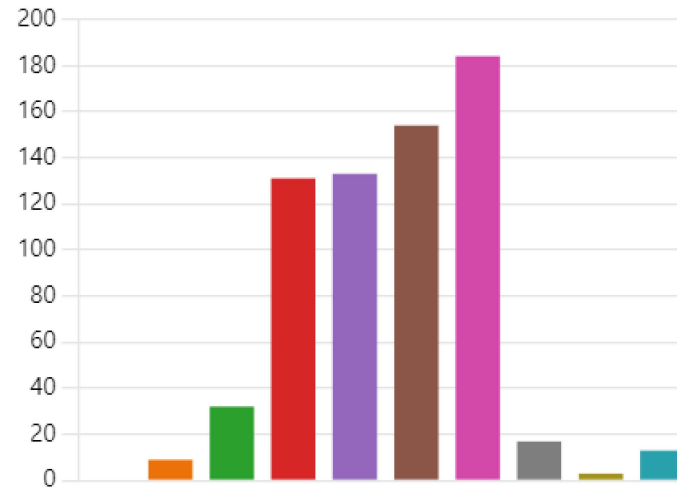
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216 respondents (36%) answered **Sa12** for this question.

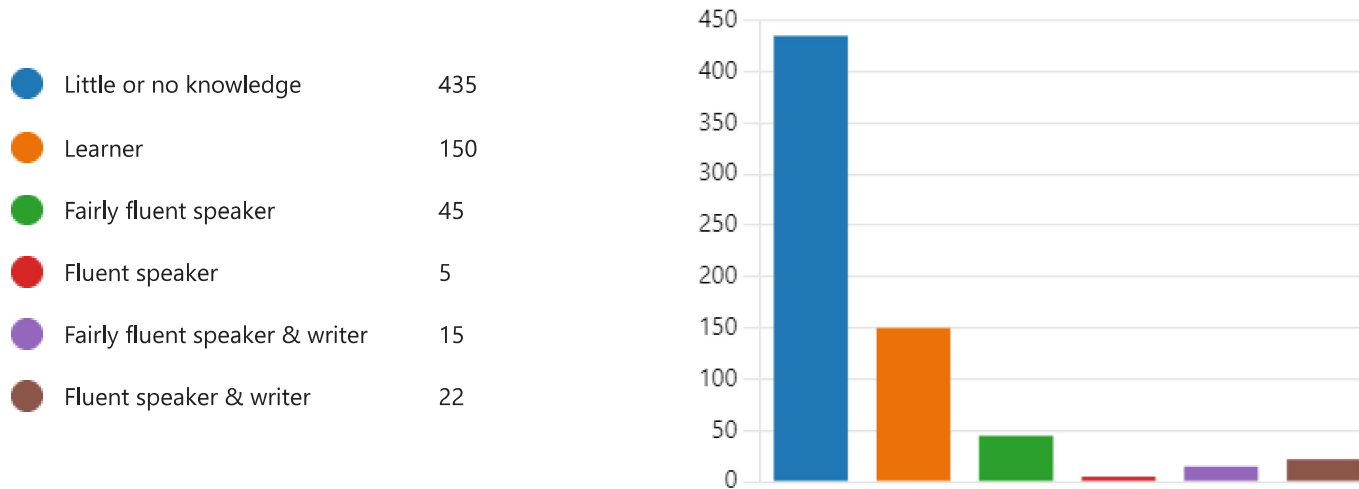


21. What is your age

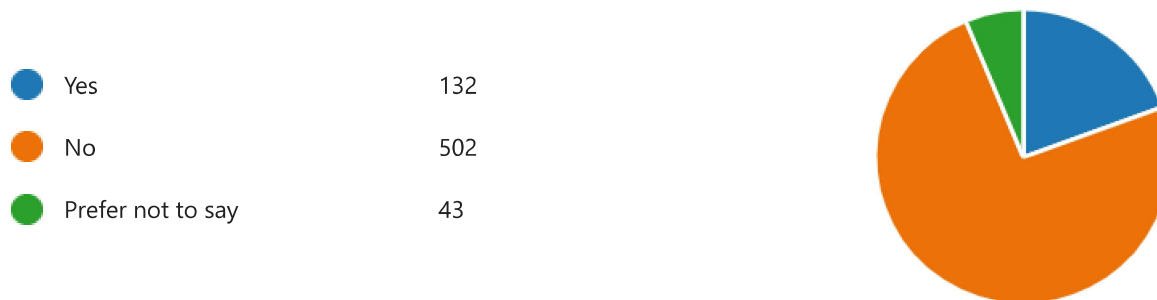
Under 16	0
16-24	9
25-29	32
30-39	131
40-49	133
50-59	154
60-74	184
75-85	17
86+	3
Prefer not to say	13



22. **Welsh Language – are you: (please select one answer)**

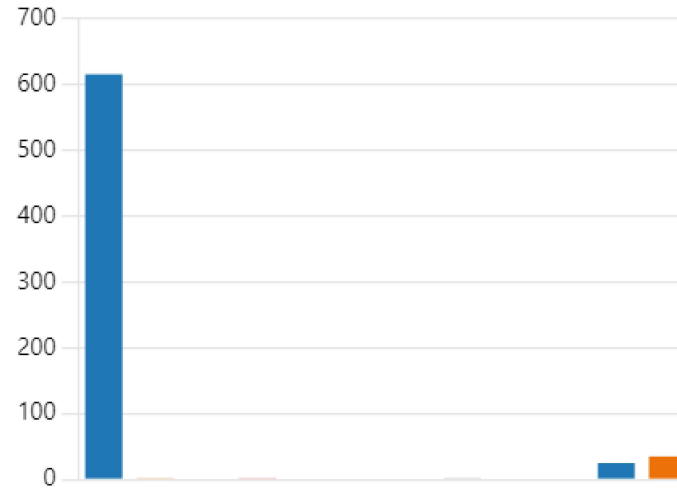


23. **Do you consider yourself to have a disability?** *The Equality Act 2010 defines a person as disabled if they have a physical or mental impairment, which has a substantial and long term (i.e. has lasted or is expected to last at least 12 months) adverse effect on the person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. (Please select one answer)*



24. **Ethnic origin: (please select answer)**

● White British	615
● White Irish	2
● Bangladeshi	0
● Mixed: White & Black Caribbean	1
● Mixed: White & Black African	0
● Mixed: White & Asian	0
● Indian	0
● Pakistani	1
● Black: African	0
● Black: Caribbean	0
● Other	25
● Prefer not to say	35



25. **If other, please specify**

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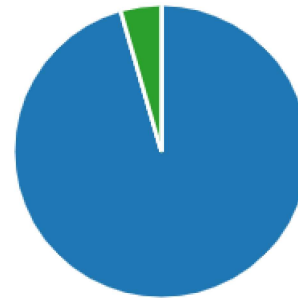
26. **Sex (please select one answer)**

Female	439
Male	199
Prefer not to say	36



27. **Is your gender the same as the sex you were registered at birth? (please select one answer)**

Yes	645
No	0
Prefer not to say	30



28. **If you answered 'no'**, please enter the term you use to describe your gender

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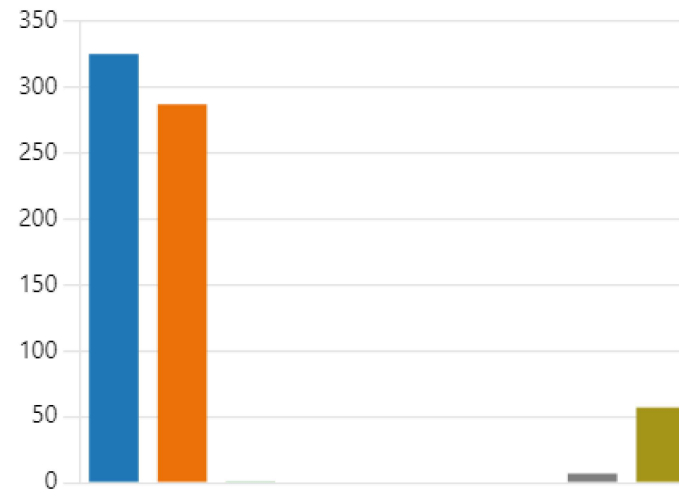
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2 respondents (33%) answered **dogs on the beach** for this question.

walkers **horrific act** space **act on my freedom** 'human
No answer **dogs on the beach** Welsh White
beach & promenade questionnaire about dogs

29. Religion/Belief: *(please select one answer)*

● No religion	325
● Christian	287
● Muslim	1
● Buddhist	0
● Hindu	0
● Jewish	0
● Sikh	0
● Other	7
● Prefer not to say	57



30. If you have another religion, please specify

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3 respondents (43%) answered **Catholic** for this question.

Not relevant

CelticPagan

Pagan

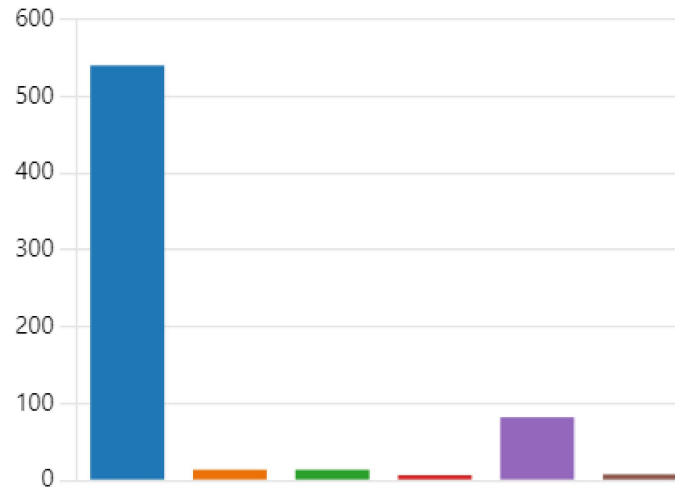
Catholic

Spaghetti Monster

Church

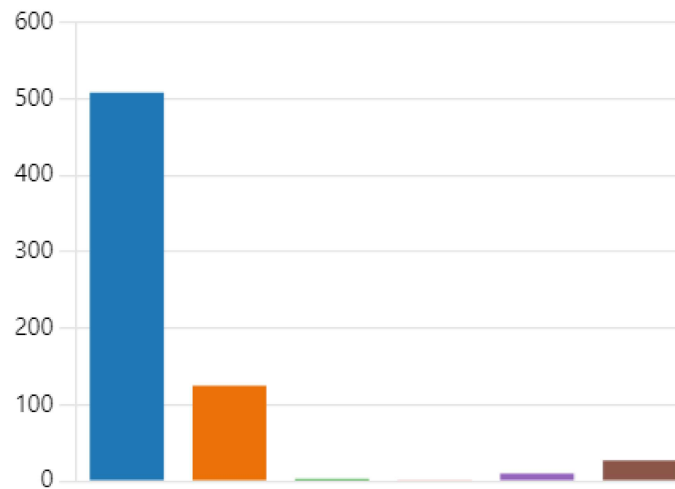
31. Sexual Orientation (please select one answer)

● Heterosexual	540
● Lesbian	14
● Gay	14
● Bisexual	7
● Prefer not to say	82
● Other	8



32. Nationality (please select one answer)

● Welsh	508
● British	125
● Irish	3
● Scottish	1
● Other	10
● Prefer not to say	27



33. If you have another nationality, please specify

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2 respondents (25%) answered **English** for this question.

Netherlands

IrishWelsh

English Welsh British

Portuguese


Polish

Appendix B - Comments Disagreeing with the PSPO at Aberavon Beach

1. Unless you have specific evidence that justifies this creeping increase of regulation in our lives, I would say the proposal is wholly unsupportable and indefensible.
2. Dogs are not the problem. Yes, a few people fail to clean up dog mess. You have the power to fine them. Do not punish all dogs and their owners because of a few bad owners. Will you consider banning all teenagers, for example, because some leave glass bottles and other rubbish on the beach? No. Let's be honest, the weather is sometimes so poor in the summer that it is only dog walkers using the beach and prom and providing custom for local business by sitting outside Remos with their dogs or taking their dogs into the dog friendly Franco's or The Front.
3. Some days the weather is awful during the summer and so the beach is deserted and yet no dogs are allowed on the beach.
4. Dogs should be allowed on beach during high season but kept on lead on promenade as the size of the area is restricted.
5. The current 1st May to 30th September is too long! For most of September there is nobody on the beach during the week.
6. Most of year the beach is empty due to the weather, I don't see it being an issue for dogs being allowed on there all year round!
7. I think dogs should be allowed on the beach all year around.
8. Questions have been written in a biased way against dog walkers. Many dog walkers have told me that the existing ban is far too long, children are in school until mid July and return early September. So I would like to see dogs on the beach July and September.
9. I have a disabled daughter and two dogs. Her favourite place to take the dogs is down the beach. In the summer months I would have to take her down the sand dunes where there is a higher chance of coming across some junkies used needles so in the summer months I avoid the beach with my daughter as I know she will get too stressed being there without her dogs, considering I live within 2 mins of the beach it's such a shame she can't enjoy the only decent thing in Aberavon.

10. Make aberavon beach MORE dog friendly not less. There is a massive call for dog friendly beaches and places for dogs and their family to eat. Why is aberavon going the other way.
11. The dog friendly beach is always busier than the other, there are times in the summer that I can't take my dog to the beach because the dog friendly part is full of people, while I'm banned from the practically empty larger beach.
12. I believe it is important that dogs are kept on. Leads on the promenade as there is so much traffic on there, walkers, runners, cyclists etc, but I believe the beach should be open to dogs all year.
13. We live on aberavan beach front. We cannot walk far due to disability and have a child with severe anxiety and is asd, adhd and odd. The dogs we have is for my son to help him. We struggle to leave the house and the only place we can go is the beach. The local authority has closed all the public parks and football pitches so we cannot use those and the only open spaces to walk is the beach. Without the dogs to take out to the beach, we would not leave the house and my sons anxiety would be worse. My partner cannot walk far and the beach has an easy access for us. If not we would be isolated by our town and council.
14. It's people not dogs who are the issue on the beach. I use the beach daily and clean it daily. Fine people for littering and dog mess yes but dogs should be allowed on the beach
15. Dogs are permitted on the small beach all year. Despite this being a dog beach this beach gets very crowded with public and the littering and broken glass makes dog walking particularly difficult throughout the summer months. I would urge the council to increase the amount of time dogs can be walked on the main beach not reduce.
16. At the moment I am having to take the dog in the car to more open walks up the mountain. The prom is repetitive and my dog pines over going on the sand and in the sea. I would also love to take my shoes off and walk on the sand daily. It's why I moved here. I think responsible dog owners shouldn't be penalised for irresponsible dog owners that don't pick up the mess or allow unfriendly dogs off lead.
17. Where else are we going to walk our dogs if the lead in winter the beach is big where people and dogs can go safely

18. I suffer with both physical and mental health. My dog and i like the beach and the space. Enough room for everyone. The beach would be empty a lot of the time without dog walkers.
19. There are only so many open spaces you can take your dog safely
20. The beach is only ever used on warm sunny days during the exclusion time we as dogwalkers use it hail rain or snow. The beach has a nice wide open space when the tide is out therefore you can walk a good way and still be close by.
21. As a disabled person and someone who deals with mental health issues, the beach is a daily visit for myself and my dog. When the kids are in school, (the only time we get a break) and when me and the wife are off on the same day, we regularly walk together with the dog. I can't walk to far with my rheumatoid arthritis and this little stroll looking at the waves keeps me and my wife sane. Don't take it away please
22. We are fit and active and walk our dog daily 6am every morning. It's empty just how we like it.. we take nothing and leave nothing. Pay full council tax and are banned from a beautiful part of our town.
23. I live near the Port Authorities smaller beach. Dogs are welcome all year around. It's important for families to share this space. In 7 years of living here, I have been deeply affected by the rubbish/ drug use etc from human behaviour and never once been affected by any animal visiting the beach. I believe the money used for the dog warden would be more beneficial being spent on patrolling the promenade for dog/ horse fouling. Poop a scooping is a problem on the promenade. I probably don't understand enough of the law, but never thought it was ok for horses to leave poo without owners cleaning it (Tenby town has this policy correct) Thanks for the opportunity to share my thoughts
24. I do not believe that the presence of dogs on the beach has any negative impact on local residents visiting the beach, if anything quite the opposite.
25. Litter is more than a concern that dogs.
26. Sensible dog owners should be aloud to use the beach all year long. You get more mess and disturbance from people drinking and having fires.
27. This protection order will stop people from visiting the beach and they will go elsewhere. This will also have an effect on the local businesses serving food and coffee at the beach

28. I see much more waste left by humans than any dogs. The mess people leave is hideous these last few years. Fine them!!
29. The beach allows my dog to enjoy a good run whilst I can walk at my own pace and not have to worry . It is also a flat area which is ideal for my medical condition
30. A disabled family member benefits greatly from being able to walk short distances on flat ground. This helps their condition not to deteriorate. The main beach is perfect for this and being encouraged to join dog walks is an incentive to keep this consistent year round. Dog ban means only the less accessible areas can be accessed for dog walking which are not suitable for disabled family member. This has a negative impact on their health.
31. My husband and I work and use this time to relax and spend time with our dogs and children out in the fresh air.
32. Animal rights
33. The dog restricted area removes all easily accessible access to the beach. There are no straps or ramps for wheelchairs to the dunes area of the beach. The small beach at the steelwork end of Aberavon beach has similar problems with elderly or disabled gaining access to the beach.
34. Well behaved dogs which remain under the dog owners control do not need leads.
35. If a person is physically disabled it makes it harder for them well behaved dogs 🐕

36. I can't walk far from the car. I have a disability which means my well behaved dogs can have a run off lead on the beach whilst I sit when necessary.
37. Dogs should be allowed on the beach all year round. Horses are allowed so why not dogs
38. My brother in law is physically and mentally disabled, our dogs are therapy dogs for him, without them he would struggle on the promenade and beach due to the volume of persons present
39. People love walking in this area, it should be assessable to all the public
40. Ok, so a few owners don't pick up after their dog. Fine them. But weigh this small inconvenience up against the impact it has on people's mental health seeing our

beautiful beach and not being able to go on it because they have their dog. We haven't all got time to walk our dog then go back out for another walk on our own.

41. The beach is big enough for dogs and humans
42. Us dog walkers use the beach irrelevant of time of year, we are the regular users but are punished when a time of year comes. The beach is empty most days if not for dog walkers except on sunny days but again are punished. Dog walkers are the regular users, why punish them? Why not put a flag up on very busy sunny days and flag means dogs to be kept on lead due to the amount of people. But very sunny hot days wise dog walkers won't use the beach it's too hot. Please make a wise decision, think of the regular local users. But any time of year there should be a fine for people leaving dog waste on prom, beach or anywhere it's disgusting
43. Dogs should be allowed on the beach during off peak times 1/5-30/9. It's far easier to clean dog mess from the sand firstly and secondly the prom becomes overly crowded with big walkers and cyclists
44. There should be a greater focus on those irresponsible dog owners that don't pick up after their dogs. Also more focus on the people who litter and cause more mess on the beach than responsible dog owners ever would.
45. Please re-allow dogs all year. Mans best friend.
46. Are you serious? You are worried about a few people who may fail to pick up after their pet when eater companies are pumping sewage into the sea. Don't like dogs, do you?
47. You're asking why because the Council are completely clueless. This entire suggestion is bafflingly ludicrous. Outside of peak summer temperatures of July/August dog walkers are the majority down the beach. This entire thing should be scrapped and the funds used to stop the actual ASB from humans. I see no public protection order is being consulted on for the 'boy racers' who make the entire area a no go in the evenings, or those dealing and experimenting with drugs along the prom. I'd agree that irresponsible owners leave dog mess on the prom which is incredibly annoying and disgusting but for the most part this is the most narrow minded activity to pursue when there are so many more important issues ongoing.
48. More difficult to walk the dog by Scarlett Avenue due to access to the beach compared with rest of the beach.

49. My daughter has ASD/ADHD/ODD and cannot understand why dogs cannot go on the beach or prom without a lead. This causes meltdowns and as such I have stopped walking to the beach during these times, which is awful because we live so close on Victoria Road!!
50. Everyone needs space to enjoy, if they have dogs, it's also good socialising for dogs as well as humans, stop racism against dogs and spaces, mental health for all species.
51. I'm a pensioner and have mobility issues and excluding my dog and therefore myself from the central part of the beach means I have no access to any of the cafes or facilities .
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56. I have seen the public cause more trouble on the prom compared to what an on lead dog does.
57. The beach is huge and almost always mostly empty, even in high summer, so there is plenty of room for everyone. Dog fouling is always an offence whether on or off the beach so enforce that law rather than restrict public access
58. Twice in the last week my son (2 Years of age) has been jumped on my large dogs on the beach due to owners inability to keep their dogs under control. It is an accident waiting to happen and as local resident, I am now unable to allow my son to play on the beach in case something similar happens again. I am a dog owner myself and am more than happy for my dog to be able to access the small beach and dunes end of the beach to

ensure the main section of the beach is reserved for people to enjoy the amenities too.

The way it currently stands, dogs take president

59. Just enforce the dog fouling. That is the biggest issue when walking
60. Dogs leave far less mess than humans on the beach.
61. The beach is large enough to accommodate dogs and people, including the period proposed
62. The patrol on the promenade to reduce dog fouling would be money better spent. Sometimes a walk along there becomes all about dodging the dogs mess.
63. The beach is for everyone. Dogs should be allowed year round. Stop trying to charge for parking as well.
64. There should be a space (in the beach) for dogs during the summer. The weather isn't always good enough for sunbathing but would be ideal for dogs to stretch their legs. Also many families (like ours) have both children and dogs that like to enjoy fun time together
65. I think the period is too long. If there is a ban it should be reduced to the school summer holidays. The length of the ban is excessive. Especially in September when the children are in school and the weather isn't so nice. Could it not just be July and Aug?
66. Easier access for myself with my dog to get onto the beach with a pram when they are banned between those dates I won't have any access to the beach.
67. During the day in the peak of summer the beach is busy, but I have been there SO many times and there has literally been no one on the beach or prom and I still have to struggle down the slope to the bottom of the beach.
68. 99% of dogs cause no problems - friendly, under control and owners clean up. Can't say 99% of teenagers don't cause a problem sadly - litter, bad language, rowdy behaviour. Guess dog owners are a soft target for the council though.
69. The less dogs are allowed off leads and the more they are away from areas that children play in the safer everyone will be!
70. The only people down the beach and on the prom in the winter are the dog walkers. If the weather is warm dogs don't go out in the middle of the day while the public are enjoying the beach. You will have a lot more tourism if this was allowed
71. There is plenty of space for dogs to be on the beach all year round. It also means dog owners children can access the safe part of the sea where the lifeguards patrol.

72. Personally, I don't think dogs should necessarily be banned on the beach during high season, as there are plenty of days where the beach is deserted where it would be nice to be able to walk the dog. On busier and hot days I agree maybe they shouldn't be on the beach if they cannot be controlled. I have been to Oxwich on busy days where dogs are allowed and it's never been an issue.
73. Absolutely ridiculous that dogs are banned at all but I do agree with lead restrictions. Walking the dogs on the smaller beach or sand dunes is a nightmare in the summer as it's so busy and often the times I walk the dog there's no one on the main beach anyway. Plus sick to death of my dog standing on broken glass, dirty nappies among all the other rubbish left during summer months by people. The state of all of the beach early morning before volunteers clean it up is vile. People are a much bigger problem than dog mess.
74. I think more focus on not allowing littering would be better than not allowing dogs on the beach. It's already an offence to not pick up dog mess, so allowing dogs onto the beach wouldn't have a negative effect. There's more harm from litter to children and families which is a huge problem. Patrols to fine people who leave litter or don't pick up dog mess would be more beneficial than a blanket ban on dogs.
75. There are many beaches in Wales where dogs are allowed all year. It doesn't seem to cause any issues.
76. Dogs are not the issue. Littering from groups of teenagers is.
77. Humans imposed more problems on the beach than dogs. The mess people leave is awful
78. Dogs are a part of people's family and to exclude them would have a detrimental impact upon the health and wellbeing of dog owners and their families
79. I regularly visit with my mum who is 71 and it is sometimes not possible to get onto the dog side when the tide is in. The dunes are very unsuitable for anyone who has any health issues, mobility issues, as well as being a bit excluded from sight if you are alone. Also certain breeds or older dogs struggle to walk through the dunes in the heat. Plus myself and many other dog walkers tend to pick up rubbish and sharp objects from the beach which is a benefit as we want to keep our pets safe as well as appreciating the beach all the year round.

80. Dogs should be allowed on the beach all year around, people having BBQ's make more mess than dogs. It's a dog owners responsibility to ensure it is kept under control at busier times.
81. We need to attract people to our beach not alienate them because they are dog owners. It impacts on small business in the front who rely on regular people who often only go out to walk their pets and have a coffee and catch up.
82. I strongly object to the proposed PSPO and would urge the council to reconsider the proposal.
83. This proposal will have an adverse impact on disabled dog owners. It may also have an adverse impact on pregnant owners or young mothers who are also dog owners. This proposal will restrict their ability to socialise and to exercise their dogs in a suitable environment. I would like to know what equality assessment has been undertaken and how the council intends for this proposal to comply with its obligations under the Equality Act 2010.
84. It is worth noting that the only nuisance I have witnessed on Aberavon beach is that there are people engaging in alcohol consumption, holding barbecues, and playing loud music through large speaker systems. Whilst I would not begrudge these people their enjoyment of the beach, I suggest that the council - if implementing draconian measures to reduce 'nuisance and injury to members of the public' - consider also banning alcohol, barbecues, and music.
85. I believe the only time dogs shouldn't be allowed on the beach or promenade is during hot weather when owners should act responsibly. Sometimes during summer months, the weather can be bad so there is no reason why dogs should be banned from the beach. When it is raining, people don't sit on the beach even in July!!
86. Older family members and those with disabilities should have access to areas to walk their dogs that are flat/relatively flat and close to parking locations.
87. I feel safer walking with my dog. I'm sure there are many more assaults recorded than dog incidents. I also feel safer around people at the beach also walking their dogs as I knew they are there for a purpose.
88. The businesses would benefit from the visitors with dogs if they were allowed on the beach between May and September. The times I visited during the times when there was inclement weather and there was only dog walkers who are made to stay at one

- end of the beach when the rest of the beach is empty just seems entirely unnecessary and given the facts of climate change, we seem to be having more inclement than good weather! Dog walkers are out no matter the weather, sun bathers and beach loungers not so much! More warden presence to deter those who are lazy and not cleaning up after their dogs will hopefully deter those amongst us who are irresponsible owners.
89. parents with parkinsons and dementia are not able to come with me when i walk my dog due to the restrictions.
90. Let us all enjoy the natural beach, try keeping the drunken parties off there not the dogs!! The dog walkers pick up the rubbish, broken glass etc, use some common sense councilz
91. Aberavon beach is very nearby my home and it is one of the few places my dog can go for a walk that allows me good access (car park right beside beach). As a disabled person this is essential and removing/restricting my ability to walk my dog would adversely impact my life and hers by extension. Also, I am likely to be pregnant in the next year and again restricting or removing access will adversely impact me.
92. The promenade has easy access for disabled people to walk their dogs safely their pets are their family and they shouldn't be excluded. People litter the beach by having parties leaving bbq etc not dogs!!
93. Disabled people have easier parking & able to walk their dogs these are their life line
94. Humans make more mess than a dog. Under the terms of the Environmental health Act of 1990 it's the duty of dog owners to clean up after the dog. 80% of humans don't clean up after themselves. Idiotic rules on dogs.
95. Dogs should be allowed on the beach throughout the year
96. Very difficult to get down to the beach via the sand dunes if the tide is in due to our age and mobility.
97. I strongly disagree that dogs are banned from the beach between 1st May to 30th September. In a heatwave, when the beach is packed, I wouldn't entertain taking my dogs to the beach. However, this year for example, the weather was mostly chilly and wet through all of July and August. There were only a handful of people on the entire beach and under these circumstances I would have taken my dogs on the beach. I do, however, agree that on the promenade dogs should be on a lead at all times.

98. A shorter restriction juky/aug. Dogs should be on a lead on the promenade but ridiculous to make it an offence. I'm sure you could spend resources more wisely than enforcing dogs being off a lead.
99. Autistic daughter likes to walk dog on the beach and doesn't like a change in routine. Stop restricting people.
100. Because dog walkers should have equal rights to other beach users. It is unfair that we are unable to enjoy the beach at all times of year. I very much feel that dogs should always be on the lead on the promanade and a good compromise could be that they are allowed on the beach itself all year, but have to be kept on a long line during the high season. The blanket ban you have is silly really. In that often times, you can go to the beach in June and it's deserted, but you still can't go down onto the sand.
101. The public frequently use the 'dog section' of the beach during all seasons with no apparent issues. Irresponsible dog owners should be specifically targets when leaving dog foul.
102. There is no problem with having dogs on the beach during high season.
103. A small section of beach close to the pier is rarely used for anything and would be ideal for dog walks all year round
104. This proposal is unfair in comparison to people leaving litter on the beach. If this is being enforced then why is littering not being enforced. It is discrimination to to dog owners. The majority of dog owners are responsible and keep there dogs on leads and pick up their mess on the beach. However the site of the beach after a hot day is disgusting. As a local I volunteer to clear up the beach form the aftermath of a weekend and no one is accountable for it. There should be littering signs about fines. next to the dog exclusion signs!!!! However the truth is the enforcement officers see us as a easier target to deal with rather than some drunken louts on the beach!
105. The Kennel Club is the largest organisation in the UK devoted to dog health, welfare, and training. Our objective is to ensure that dogs live healthy, happy lives with responsible owners. We campaign for and advocate on behalf of dogs and their owners and, as part of our external affairs activities, engage with local authorities on issues such as Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs).
- The Kennel Club is the only national organisation named by the UK Government as a body that local authorities should consult prior to introducing restrictions on dog

walkers and is considered the leading canine authority on dog access. As such, we would like to highlight the importance of ensuring that PSPOs are necessary and proportionate responses to problems caused by dogs and irresponsible owners. We also believe that it is essential for authorities to balance the interests of dog owners with the interests of other access users.

Response to proposed measures

Seasonal measures

In the case of a seasonal restriction, we encourage the local authority to consider whether a time restriction is an appropriate measure. We have received feedback and evidence which suggests that many beaches are empty in both the early mornings and late evenings, a prime time for many owners to exercise their dogs. Beaches can be an important local resource for owners to ensure that their dog gets their required daily off lead exercise. There is little reason as to why restrictions should be in place during times of the day when the beach is little used, even in the busy season.

Assistance dogs

The Kennel Club welcomes the exemptions proposed in this Order for assistance dogs. We urge the Council to review the Equality and Human Rights Commission's guidance for businesses and service providers when providing any exemptions for those who rely on assistance dogs. The guidance can be viewed here:

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/sites/default/files/assistance-dogs-a-guide-for-all-businesses.pdf>

However, we would suggest further consideration of the wording contained within the Order, specifically with reference to 'prescribed charity'. While a proportion of assistance dogs relied upon by disabled people are trained by charities, many are not. A number of reputable assistance dog providers are members of Assistance Dogs UK. This umbrella group currently has eight member organisations, which can be viewed here: <http://www.assistedogs.org.uk/>. It is important to note that the membership of Assistance Dogs UK is not a definitive list of all UK assistance dog organisations and may change during the currency of the PSPO. It also does not provide for owner trained assistance dogs.

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We would therefore encourage the Council to allow for some flexibility when considering whether a disabled person's dog is acting as an assistance dog. The Council could consider adopting the definitions of assistance dogs used by Mole Valley District Council, which can be found here:

https://www.molevalley.gov.uk/media/pdf/1/b/83072_-_Completed_PSPO.pdf

or that of Northumberland County Council:

“(4) The term “Assistance Dog” shall mean a dog which has been trained to assist a person with a disability.

(5) The expression “disability” shall have the meaning prescribed in section 6 of the Equality Act 2010 or as may be defined in any subsequent amendment or re-enactment of that legislation”.

Appropriate signage

It is important to note that in relation to PSPOs, The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (Publication of Public Spaces Protection Orders) Regulations 2014 makes it a legal requirement for local authorities to –

“cause to be erected on or adjacent to the public place to which the order relates such notice (or notices) as it considers sufficient to draw the attention of any member of the public using that place to –

(i) the fact that the order has been made, extended or varied (as the case may be); and

(ii) the effect of that order being made, extended or varied (as the case may be).”

Regarding dog access restrictions, such as a ‘Dogs on Lead’ Order, on-site signage should clearly state where such restrictions begin and end. This can be achieved with signs that say on one side, for example, ‘You are entering [type of area]’ and ‘You are leaving [type of area]’ on the reverse.

While all dog walkers should be aware of their requirement to pick up after their dog, signage must be erected for the PSPO to be compliant with the legislation.

106. RSPCA Cymru welcomes the opportunity to respond to Neath Port Talbot Council's consultations on the expansion of the proposed Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs). PSPOs provide local authorities with a means of tackling dog-related issues, such as access to public spaces. While RSPCA Cymru understands that local authorities have a duty to improve the communities they serve and protect human health, we

would always urge any council to consider whether PSPOs around dog control are needed to achieve this. PSPOs risk punishing responsible dog owners for the actions of the less responsible, while potentially creating less spaces for dogs to exercise and express their natural behaviours. Under the proposed PSPOs, dogs will be excluded from part of Aberavon Beach from May 1 to September 30 every year. An additional PSPO sets out conditions for dogs to be on leads at all times on Aberavon Promenade during the same time period. Exclusion of dogs on Aberavon beach and the requirement for dogs to be on leads on the promenade RSPCA Cymru understands that irresponsible dog ownership can impact the quality of life within local communities - however, we encourage Neath Port Talbot Council to avoid limiting the number of places within the locality where dogs are allowed. Areas such as beaches can provide owners and dog walkers with an appropriate means of allowing dogs to exercise when these spaces are not overly busy. These spaces can prove invaluable to owners, dog walkers and visitors, especially if adequate space is not available nearby. Giving dogs the opportunity to interact with new animals and people in an appropriate place is important in ensuring that a dog is well-socialised. This is particularly important in the development of younger dogs and puppies to ensure they become well-adjusted adults. However, RSPCA Cymru recognises that not all dogs are well-socialised and some may find other animals or people threatening, therefore not all places will be appropriate for dogs. This is why we are fully supportive of dogs being kept on leads in children's play areas, on school grounds when they accompany those picking children up and in cemeteries when providing comfort to their owners. However, we would encourage a more flexible approach towards dogs being allowed on vast areas of council-owned land that are often empty such as commons, fields, marked sports pitches and beaches. With dogs already excluded from many public places, additional bans and restrictions on places such as beaches will inevitably leave dog owners with even fewer options. An around the clock exclusion of dogs on a large part of Aberavon Beach for almost five months could be considered both restrictive and limiting to responsible owners, especially those with accessibility issues. Because of this, we would consider allowing dogs to be kept on leads on this part of the beach during busy times to be a better proposal than a blanket ban. This is something that has been adopted by some other local authorities which cover beaches in Wales, with

some considering this a sufficient means of tackling dog-related issues in their communities. With regards to the PSPO requiring dogs on leads when walking on Aberavon promenade, we would always call for consideration to be given in terms of whether such an instruction is necessary and needed, especially if there is no risk to the safety of people, the dog themselves or other animals. However, with areas such as promenades having the potential to be extremely busy during the summer months, the proposal to require dogs to be on leads appears to be measured a proportionate in terms of protecting both human and animal welfare. With the promenade located in close vicinity to the area where dogs would be excluded from on Aberavon beach - with the promenade likely to have more people in a smaller space at times - we encourage Neath Port Talbot to consider allowing dogs on-lead on both the promenade and beach these PSPOs cover. With the beach likely to be less busy during certain times of the day, we would also question whether any restrictions should take this into consideration by allowing owners and their dogs access to this part of the beach during certain times of the day, should an on-lead approach not be favourable.

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Appendix C - Comments in Favour of PSPO Aberavon Beach

1. Prefer not to have dogs running around on the beach or prom, off leads. Because have small grandad children down there with me
2. I have an elderly parent who has mobility issues, she feels unsafe when dogs are running around if their leads!
3. Make my visit safer
4. My son has been chased by dogs on the beach without leads. I don't feel safe leaving my son play with a dog close by. There has also been an increase in dog attacks in the news.
5. i agree that on hot days when the beach is packed (between may and september)that dogs shouldnt be allowed in the beach , BUT when its raining and empty i cant see why not !
6. I have trouble walking, dogs off leads cause me distress.
7. Best thing that could happen not everyone is a dog lover and there is always dog mess around to avoid as well
8. Keeping the current regulations of no dogs on the beach, and dogs on leads on the promenade will help make the beach area a safer place. I would like to see a law introduced that makes it law that dogs should be muzzled in ANY public place.
9. We need to keep the beach as clean as possible. Through the winter months it's disgusting how much dog foul is there, let's not have the beach become a beacon of dog mess
10. Loose dogs scare people and make the area uncomfortable for thosnewirh disabilities or with young children, especially those with additional needs or fear of dogs. Extendable leads are just as bad if not worse as then owners feel the dogs are under control when they're really not
11. I have been bothered by dogs on the beach and on the promenade on several occasions. I've had dogs running and barking at me, and jumping up onto me. I am a disabled person (largely invisible condition), these incidents have caused me great anxiety and over the last year I have actively avoided walking on the beach when dogs are allowed on it. The majority of dog owners are responsible and keep their dogs under control, however I continue to suffer repeated incidents from dogs not under proper control, and victim blaming from irresponsible dog owners. I have

reported concerns to the council in the past and have spoken to the officer who patrols the beach. On several occasions I have noticed dog faeces on the beach also. I feel very strongly that restrictions should remain place and be better unforced. Dog mess is a constant problem on the promenade and spoils the area for the whole community and any visitors to it.

12. Dogs should be on leads both on the beach and on the promenade at all times regardless of the season. Dogs should be permitted to be off lead at all times of the year on the small beach the other side of the pier. As a person with a phobia of dogs I find I cannot enjoy the beach fully knowing dogs may be off the lead.
13. The current ban of dogs on the beach (May 1st - September 30th) works well with dog walkers/local residents. A change to include both March and April to the ban seems futile.
14. a lot of dog owners do not follow the rules now!! nevermind if the order was lifted. Im scared of bigger dogs and its bad enough having one or two on the main beach in winter never mind the suer. The have the other two beaches the dogs can run wild on and people can chose to stay away from those like me if they scared of dogs.
15. People already flout the ban so giving free rein will exacerbate the current issues
16. I believe it is important that dogs are kept on. Leads on the promenade as there is so much traffic on there, walkers, runners, cyclists etc, but I believe the beach should be open to dogs all year
17. I have grandchildren who are Autistic and do not go on beaches where dogs are allowed.
18. The current rules are appropriate, the summer is too hot for dog to be on the Mai. beach and it stops risk of overheating for them. And it stop the unpleasantness of people stepping in or coming across dog waste in the summer when there are More people and the beach is busier. However, in the winder and cold month I think dogs should be allowed because the beach is used less due to weather condition, so allowing dogs and thier owners to enjoy it will be more beneficial. However, I do believe more strict patrolling of the beach and promenade in terms of people not picking up dog waste is needed. I visit the beach several times every week and the amount of dog waste on the prom is disgusting but do not punish the mass of good owners due to the lack of care or consideration of the bad ones. My dogs love the

beach and it would be a tel shame if me and my whole family could not enjoy an afternoon out.

19. The questions 13 and 14 are proposing to have the ban on dogs on the beach and dogs on leads on promenard as from March this is not correct therefore have answered don't know with it. If amended to May to September I would agree.
20. Dogs being allowed on certain parts of the beach between May and Sept would be positive.
21. Dog fouling and owners not cleaning up
22. I am in agreement with the current seasonsl restrictions in situ to continue.
23. Dogs should be kept on a lead at all times in the promenade and only be allowed off lead on the beach during off peak season.
24. Please don't allow dogs during summer season. My daughter is petrified of dogs and would mean no more beach days for us. Recent bans of certain breeds have happened for a reason. Would be completely wrong during high season and a risk to young children
25. Please continue with current restrictions. I am afraid of dogs. I would not visit if the beach was busy with dogs.
26. Safety of children should be paramount
27. I take my young son daily. He gets upset when dogs come near. With recent incidents resulting in bans on certain breeds, I think current restrictions should remain
28. I think restrictions should continue
29. My grandson is nervous of Dogs other than his own
30. The beach area by the dunes and the old bo should be allowed to have dogs on leads as this area is far away from the main Aberavon beach
31. All dogs should be on leads in public spaces (even friendly ones) except in specific designated areas. Off lead dogs are often not in their owners control and are allowed to run up to and interact with other peoples dogs and children with no owner intervention often because the owner is either oblivious of the risk or too far away to do anything. "It's ok they are friendly" is too often heard even when other owners with on lead dogs are telling them "mine isn't" or children who are nervous of dogs suddenly find their play interrupted by out of control "friendly" dogs

32. In the winter I don't use the beach much and rarely walk my dogs there. though I use the beach regularly without my dogs. Too many other dogs there and I don't feel comfortable walking mine there
33. My Autistic son cannot use the main beach cos of his fear of lose dogs ,
34. Dog should not be allowed on the beach at all in my opinion, especially with the amount of do attacks on children and adults.
35. I would live to walk on the prom more however playing hopscotch over the dog mess is no fun it really is a health hazard and deters me from using the prom. People also have a blatant disregard for the summer ban on dogs on the beach. This again poses a health hazard as when I do use the beach im very aware of watching where im stepping and reluctant to let my children play in the sand. It's also very intimidating for people who don't like dogs to have them bound towards you with out a lead. Even if these dogs are 'Friendly' a large number of people are scared by them and would like to enjoy the beach without fear.
36. The ban of dogs on the beach during high season is correct however, the promenade in turn has high flows of dog walkers which has caused a noticable amount of dog mess on the promenade. So much and so consistently, we avoid walking the promenade often because of the level of dog mess end to end. Removing this order would aid that, but spreading the mess out isn't the answer either. I cannot take my children/pram along a promenade comfortable without dodging and keeping aware of the mess on the floor. This only takes one walk end to end for this issue to be evident. In my opinion, this is what needs to be addressed when considering this order.
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38. Don't feel safe around untethered dogs,especially on crutches

39. I walk the promenade on a daily basis, some irresponsible dog owners do not control their dogs and do not address fouling by their own owners, this is a fact and common place, I have reported this on numerous occasions to NPTBC, their is insufficient enforcement and a lack of clear sign posts, many owners simply disregard the signs and/or become abusive if challenged. More visible patrols are required and action taken against offenders as a deterrent. Local residents deserve to be able to enjoy this natural resource without fear of being attacked or stepping in dog excrement
40. I don't think allowing dogs on the beach is a problem but I can appreciate families with children using the beach to play/paddle/picnic find it easier and more relaxing when there are no dogs. However I look forward to the Autumn when we can once again walk the dogs on the long stretch of the beach because the parking is quite limited when we are only using the dunes/fair ends. However I strongly believe all dogs should be on leads on the promenade at all times and more patrols should be enforcing cleaning up after toileting. Thank you for giving us responsible dog lovers a voice
41. Keep the Tata steel beach as dogs allowed all year round. They're not on the main section, so doesn't effect any non dog walking people.
42. Sadly a lot of dog mess is left behind. Dogs running around wildly are frightening
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50. I firmly believe dogs should never be allowed on the beach. The bacteria in their faeces takes years to break down and is harmful to humans. Dogs should always be kept on a lead at all times in public areas.
51. We have children who are terrified of dogs having been chased by them in the past..inc Aberavon beach so allows them to enjoy the beach without fear. Loose dogs esp come to people who dont want them jump, chase, walk over your things.the mess left bwhind is also a serious health hazard as many do not clear up after themselves. Please keep the ban!!
52. My elderly father could get knocked over by dogs running off the lead.
53. Because of the high numbers of dog owners who refuse to pick up their dog mess in Aberavon, dogs should be kept off the beach at all times in order to minimize the danger and offence to beach users. It was shocking to see the amount of dog mess on the promenade during the summer.
54. You don't police the situation. Dogs are everywhere even on the tables outside Franco s cafe. Right now there are at least 30 piles of dog sh1t on promenade, steps and sand. It is filthy. Some people are terrified of dogs. Two children got knocked over by an Alsation playing. Dogs can use other beach and sand dunes.
55. As a responsible dog owner who goes to the beach around once a week, I have no issues with these proposals

56. Keep the use of the beach for dogs exactly as it is now. Enforcement of people not clearing up their dog mess needs to be improved also human mess
57. Although being a dog owner. Our daughter got bitten by a dog off the lead trying to get at our dog at the age of 7 years old. Needless to say she's frightened of dogs still at 11 years old. Our eldest has autism and can stand dogs jumping up on him. No dog should be off the lead or on extendable leads as owner does not have control of the dog. All too often the owner will say it's ok he/she is friendly maybe to them but other dogs and people probably not.
58. If you could control a dog going to the toilet then the above wouldn't matter. Imagine residue left from the dog going to the toilet getting in a humans eye and blinding them or getting into a cut and causing serious damage. That's without irresponsible dog owners not cleaning up the mess in the first place
59. Dogs on the promenade should be on a lead all year
60. please just leave it as it is. between may and september it is too hot for dogs to run around on the sand so us dog walkers prefer the restriction where we can take them down warren or sand dunes straight to the sea for a dip. As u can see its now october and the weather has changed dramatically there will be only dog walkers from now till april using the beach
61. The beach is cleaner when dogs are kept off the sand and walked on a lead on the prom.
62. I believe dogs should be excluded from the main beach all year round, with dogs only being allowed on the separate section. I believe dogs should be on short leads all year round on the prom and grass areas along the beach (and in public places generally) to protect children and adults.
63. ban dogs they are regularly used to intimidate from their looser owners half of them cant look after their kids
64. Animals are unpredictable no matter how they are brought up by the owner. Personally I think they should be kept on leads at all times.
65. Leads should still be required on the beach and promenade however.
66. My daughter has had balls taken by dogs off leads, and burst, we've had dogs sniffing in our picnic, we've witnessed dog mess on the beach. It's disgusting and impacts our enjoyment of the beach. Just a blanket ban would be welcomed.

67. While I agree to the restriction, I would like the access to the beach (currently unofficial? via the last set of steps), to include the last 2 sets of steps (coffee kiosk and toilets). This would give dog owners, and non dog owners better access to the toilet and coffee kiosk. It would also allow families with children and a dog, to be on the beach, and have access to facilities. #
68. I think the current arrangements work well and I would support their continuation. I don't think dogs should be off lead on the promenade at any time of year. On the beach, in high season when it is busy, it is reasonable that that the area highlighted be 'dog free'. There's is plenty of space down the dunes end for those of us with dogs.
69. Young children who don't like dogs or scared should be allowed safety along beach. People let their dogs do what they like leads trip people up get in way of scooters etc. dogs under elderly feet. Many dog owners don't stay with their pet leave them run off you might have a picnic on beach and you have dogs running up to you. They also are then unaware of dog soils and they don't pick it up.
I disagree with having them in cafes too some people have allergies
70. I think it is very important for the restrictions to remain in place and be actually enforced. Dogs off the lead and on the beach is still a daily occurrence even when ban is in force. I have had issues with dogs every time I have been down to the beach in the last year. A dog defecated over our belongings, while on the beach and another took my daughter out and stole her ear muffs. She is only 8 and was terrified. Owners have no control. It is most frustrating when the beach is there for all to enjoy.
71. Keeping the "small beach" dog friendly all year round is a must for dog walkers, but keeping the big beach dog ban during high season is a must for families. Keeping dogs on a lead all year round on the promenade all year round would be much better and safer for all
72. Responsible dog owners are being penalised, because of the minority. I agree that rules should be in place for safety reasons and would happily use a lead during busy summer months when walking my dog.
73. All dogs should be on leads at all times whether on the promenade or the beach. This would safeguard the public plus the dog themselves. It's irresponsible pet owners that leave their pets down & spoil it for everyone. A regular patrol to enforce loose dogs or owners that do not pick up after their dogs would be a sensible option. It's a shame we

can't all enjoy our beautiful coastline all year round. It's the minority that spoils it for all other responsible dog owners.

74. Keeping a small section of beach as it is now is perfect
75. The current situation allowing dogs at the dunes end of the beach or little warren during the summer is fine for responsible dog owners. More needs to be done to police the irresponsible owners that ignore the rule and generally don't pick up dog mess on the beach. When families are on the beach there should be areas which are dog free and conversely there should be areas where families can be together with their dog on the beach
76. Dogs should not be allowed on the beach in the summer leave it has it is please we young son does not like dogs when he is on the beach in the summer enjoying and playing this would effect him a lot.
77. The beach is a great place to walk your dog while breathing in the sea air and taking exercise yourself. Some parts of it should be available for dog walkers all year round.
78. It is unacceptable to have dogs running free when there are children and elderly people using the beach and promenade. It is unsafe due to dogs posing an aggression risk and trip hazard. I have witnessed dogs running free urinating on peoples towels and property and dogs defecating with owners walking away from a distance
79. Dogs on the beach during the summer months are a menace but I have yet to see the ban enforced
80. Dogs can be a nuisance both on and off a lead in public areas. Adults and children do not always want attention from dogs sniffing, licking, or jumping up on them. Sometimes it can be intimidating and lead to aggressive behaviour from the dog and even the owner. Personally I would like to see all dogs having to be on a lead and wearing a muzzle when in ANY public place.
81. Dogs can be quite frightening to some when thier not on a lead especially the larger breeds.
82. Please ensure that when dogs are on the beach during low season, that owners keep them on a lead. I have lost count of the times when dogs that are not controlled by owners jump on me. I am terrified of dogs & would like to walk on the beach safely. I walk daily and this has an affect of my quality of life. Please NEVER allow dogs on the beach or prom during high season also. I would go as far as banning dogs full stop

83. 2 1/2 year old grandchild finding it frightening. I would also ban them from the east beach (little side) as that's where most of the very young families swim.
84. Keep dogs off the beach in summer and on a leash in summer.
85. I frequently get tripped up whilst running by extension dog leads, have to dodge dog excrement on the prom and top of steps and also get chased by dogs at least twice weekly resulting in confrontation with owners who seem oblivious to the threat.
86. DOGS SHOULD NOT BE ON BEACH BECAUSE THEY COULD POSE A DANGER AND HEALTH HAZARD TO PEOPLE.
87. Myself and my daughter and my partner are Autistic and many dog owners have no regard for our anxieties and fears and allow dogs to bark at, jump up at and disturb and distress us very often. I find that many dog owners get very defensive if you show distress, not caring that we are all different and that we are equally as allowed not to want dogs near us as they are to own them. It stops all three of us from feeling able to go near public spaces like the beach, which we otherwise very much enjoy, yet feel alienated from due to dogs being around.
88. dogs running loose are tripping hazard.
89. I am an older carer for my elderly, disabled husband. Dogs running or jumping up at us would take us off balance. My husband is in a wheelchair at some dog height and could be injured. Not everyone adheres to the rules of keeping dogs on a leash, on the promenade which brings fear for us, fights between dogs even with their dogs on a leash. Dog excrement is a disgusting mess because not everyone picks up after their dogs, especially in the underneath section of the promenade. We actually had a fairly large unleashed dog circling us with his head down as if ready to attack, then the owner whom I couldn't see at first (in the cafe) called it, but she had to yell and run towards it to get it to obey. My heart was in my mouth as I considered how to protect my husband whom the dog could easily reach without jumping up at him. It's made us quite afraid when out and are confronted by a dog. To be honest I saw a very small child, run up to a dog the same size as her. She put her arms around its neck and for that split second, I stopped walking and prepared to rush towards her, I definitely felt fear for her. Children and others should be able to use public spaces without fear of dog attacks, excrement etc. Unfortunately dogs can't read the signs.

90. I completely understand why dogs are kept off the beach in high season. Unfortunately not all dogs (the majority in fact) are well trained and mix well with other dogs and people. When I visit the beach with my daughter and without the dogs I feel safer that it is a dog free area.

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Appendix D - Comments in favour of dogs on a lead on the beach

1. I think that all dogs should be on a lead but see no reason why they shouldn't be allowed on the beach
2. I would say all dogs to be kept on lead on the beach and if an area is required with no dogs then use the little warren beach instead
3. I would like to see dogs allowed on all areas of our beach all year round but perhaps on a lead during the summer months due to safety of families, children and other dogs.
4. All dogs should be on leads on the beach. Owners always think it fine to let a dog run up to me and my two young girls. 'they're friendly' is irrelevant I don't want dogs jumping on the girls. I love dogs myself and don't understand why people think this is ok?
5. Dogs on a lead should be allowed on beaches during high season. There are many families with dogs that are excluded from the beach due to current restrictions.
6. I would like to give my view as I know family members miss out on time with their dogs at Aberavon Beach due to the ban. I would like to suggest the beach is opened to all all year round but dogs should be under control and on a lead on the beach during the summer months due to the safety of everyone.
7. Dogs on leads should be allowed to use main beach all year round. Ridiculous questions. It's the people who make a mess not the responsible owners.
8. Don't agree with banning dogs in the beach between May and Sept. I don't visit Aberavon during these months for this reason. A better approach may be dogs on leads during this time or during a specific time period eg 10-4. Another option may be a ban during the summer holidays if necessary.
9. I disagree with dogs only having to be on lead on the promenade during the summer, this should be enforced all year round and even dogs on the beach should be enforced to be on a lead! There are too many instances of off lead dogs with no recall. NPT should do better at enforcing leads in the area!
10. think there should be a permanent ban on dogs of lead on the promenade. I am a responsible dog owner, there are too many irresponsible dog owners

11. As a dog owner and a responsible one , I believe dogs should be on a lead on the prom area. However good your dog is , there is a small chance the dog could be agitated, so can control a dog on a lead. On the big beach , believe good to have free reign at certain times , good perhaps before 10 am and after 7pm, but again can't see issues to use big beach with dogs but just restrict in actual school holidays including May half term. As for prom, due to footfall including older people and people with disabilities, think dogs should be on a lead at all times.
12. I always keep my dogs under control and on the lead. I don't see why we should be discriminated against and prevented from enjoying the beach during the Summer months. Why punish the majority for the actions of the minority. Allow dogs on leads on the beach all year round.
13. Allow dogs full access all year on leads.
14. Keep Dogs on leads on the Beach and Promenade all year round
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16. Why punish the majority for the actions of the minority. Allow dogs on leads on the beach all year round.
17. Allow dogs full access all year on leads.
18. Keep Dogs on leads on the Beach and Promenade all year round
19. I would like dogs kept on the lead at all times of the year.
20. Make it mandatory that all dogs in the beach between the usual restricted season to be on the lead at all times to. Put more signs up reminding people that even if their dogs are friendly, that doesn't mean all other dogs are, signs like these and familiar with benefit to remind all dog walkers. Put dispensers on the promenade that dispense dog toiletry bags.
21. Dogs should be on leads all year around in the promenade.
22. I think as long as dogs are kept on a lead during the high season I think they should be allowed onto the beach. Dogs are part of families and sometimes even like children to people and the beach exclusion makes it very discriminatory towards people with dogs.
23. I'd ban all dogs unless on short leads all year from these areas, I jog in these area and frequently get attacked when jogging by both dogs on leads and not on leads, I have

frequently had verbal altercations with the dog owners, it's not particularly safe to jog there especially when the dog is not on a lead.

24. I think all dogs should be in leads at all time . I have 2 and mine are always on leads to protect them an others. Walking dogs on hot sand is not a responsible. I don't see a problem with dogs on leads during the summer when the weather is cooler and not many people on the beach. But I understand how hard this is to monitor. My main concern is to make sure people have dogs on leads at all times. All over Neath and port talbot. My dog was nearly attacked at gnoll park as owner had dog of lead and had walked to far ahead to even have any control over that dog. People be responsible for your dogs and the mess they make. It's comes with being a good dog owner
25. allow dogs middle beach with lead at all times and on prom with lead at all times. allow dogs off lead at ends of the beach each side
26. Difs need the water to cool down but should be fined if off lead ir caught fouling and not being picked up
27. I believe dogs should be on short leads all year round including on the grass areas along the beach. Many people including myself are concerned for their safety, and that of their children, around dogs.
28. Dogs should be on leads all year, I am disabled and afraid of dogs, irresponsible dog owners are a menace!
29. The beach should be open to all dog owners all year round but possibly dogs should be kept on leads during the summer months for safety purposes.
30. As long as dogs are on a lead I do not see a problem. People are good at cleaning up after their dogs and attacks would not be possible if dogs are on leads.
31. Please keep dogs in leads at all times.
32. Dogs should be in leads all year round on the Promenade and limited to certain areas of the beach - not everyone like dogs bounding up to them.
33. Allow dogs in all areas at all times WITH a lead on!
34. I Don't have a problem with dogs being down the beach, just wish people would keep theirs on a lead at all times and be aware of what their dog/dogs are doing rather than on their phones.

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Appendix E - Other Comments PSPO Aberavon Beach

1. Some dogs are not guide dogs but are therapeutic for people with a wide range of mental disabilities which the council should consider
2. You need to ban people leaving litter, needles and plastic polluting the area
3. I'm not sure if there is a typo in questions 13 & 14 as it's says "continue to make it an offence..." but the dates are from March, not May, which would be new and not continuing as before. If it's a typo, I would agree instead of disagree.
4. Long leads should not be used Short lead only
5. It's such a shame when dog owners allow their dogs to foul on the promenade where there is a heavy foot print, and not remove it.
6. Consider a protection order during the same dates stated with regards to reducing litter, bad language and anti social behaviour
7. Humans make more mess than dogs or people walking on the prom letting their unattended dog on the beach these are generally the dogs who's mess isn't picked up not us responsible dog owners
8. If we need to continue to have an excluded dog area during the summer months it would be good for harbour beach (little side) to be made no dogs with the larger side of the beach (right of the pier) allowing dogs. I think this will attract more visitors to the town and give dog owners more space. Allowing dogs only in this small area during the summer months increases the risk of issues between dogs and their owners as it is always too busy. Dogs should be exempt from walking the promanade during the summer months as unfortunately not all dog owners are responsible and walk their dogs along the promanade in extreme heat. Humans seem to be causing the ASB issues at our beach at the moment and littering not the dogs or their owners. Unfortunately due to dog owners not respecting that our dog is on a lead we are unable to enjoy the lovely space of the beach as much as we would like but do visit when weather conditions are poor so it's less busy.
9. I would prefer the exclusion zone to end short of the "memo beach "coffee shop giving customers from there easier access to the beach . It's nice to have a small area

where you could sit on the concrete steps down to the sand and have a coffee with your dog by you.

10. We are very fortunate that our beach is a large space and most owners I see on my walks are responsible people who know their dogs comfort and limitations and would not put them in a situation where they could be reactive in big crowds. The prom However can get very busy at peak season and I would be concerned for safety of dogs were on or off leads there due to the number of children/adults on bikes that could either get caught in leads or wander out on to their path. We tend to avoid the prom in high season for this reason
11. Most dog owners are sensible this is something the council need to considerbut cant see many using the beach now you will be charging car users to park down in a free beach
12. I notice on Councillor [REDACTED] Facebook page someone has commented in favour of banning dogs. Cllr [REDACTED] has written underneath encouraging the writer to complete this survey. However, lots of people have written on the councillor's page opposing the banning of dogs. Not once has Cllr [REDACTED] encouraged these people to complete this survey. So, it's pretty easy to see Cllr [REDACTED] bias and work out how he will be voting. Shame.
13. I believe anyone can make a mistake for the first time walking the dog between the months of May and September so a chat would be sufficient, repeat offenders and spotting a dog owner not clearing up after the dog(s) should be fined.
14. I am struggling to understand the connection between walking my dog and my sexual/ religious/language orientation , absolute political correctness nonsense
15. The restrictions and good for owners who haven't trained their dog but if someone has trained their dog to walk perfectly to heel with no leash they should not be prosecuted. Educate people not restrict them.
16. For goodness sake, stop demonising dogs. Trust people to know if / when their dog needs to be kept on a lead. Trust people to pick up after their dogs. You have a dog warden to monitor this anyway. Maybe take a harder line with feral teenagers drinking and swearing on the beach in the summer instead if you are so bothered about "protecting local residents and visitors".

17. I am a cold water dipper at Aberavon so use the sea all year round and there seems to be more dogs on the beach during the evenings during the prohibited times than in the Winter, this year specially there has been more dogs running on the sand
18. I think the North West boundary line of the exclusion zone should be reduced to give dog walkers access to the North side of the beach, with the current boundary line I as a disabled dog walker can not get access to the North side of the beach without using the exclusion zone to get there. There is no access from the prom to the North side area with a dog, If the boundary was reduced slightly dog walkers could walk down to that part of the beach from the prom and not subject to being fined trying to get there.
19. Dogs should be kept on leads in public spaces at all times out of respect large dogs have to be but others don't it not fair
20. I think that common sense should prevail most responsible dog walkers would nt take there dogs onto a packed beach
21. The parking restrictions of 2 hrs should be relaxed during winter months.
22. Unfortunately the council only do things that make their lives easier and it's not dogs that make the majority of the mess on the beach but the visitors There is not enough rubbish or recycling bins available
23. As a dog walker I do get angry with people who do not pick up their dog litter. Fine these people as well.
24. The local community will be up in arms if you ban dogs from the beach, local businesses will suffer.
25. Common sense needs to prevail. Owners need to be responsible for their pets. On leads is the safest option for all users and clean up after them. That said adults should be the same and clean up after them and their children.
26. What are poorly designed questionnaire. What has sexual orientation and the use of the Welsh language to do with dogs on the beach & promenade. Surely it's more a matter of health & safety.
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29. Are you serious? You are worried about a few people who may fail to pick up after their pet when eater companies are pumping sewage into the sea. Don't like dogs, do you?
30. I don't think allowing dogs on the beach is a problem but I can appreciate families with children using the beach to play/paddle/picnic find it easier and more relaxing when there are no dogs. However I look forward to the Autumn when we can once again walk the dogs on the long stretch of the beach because the parking is quite limited when we are only using the dunes/fair ends. However I strongly believe all dogs should be on leads on the promenade at all times and more patrols should be enforcing cleaning up after toileting. Thank you for giving us responsible dog lovers a voice
31. What are poorly designed questionnaire. What has sexual orientation and the use of the Welsh language to do with dogs on the beach & promenade. Surely it's more a matter of health & safety.
32. The big problems are humans leaving their mess behind and broken glass it's disgusting
33. I find it much easier as a disabled person having the free rein of the beach to walk my dog
34. What about people who leave bbq's and rubbish on the beach, also horses who mess far more are you going to ban them?
35. I think it's ridiculous that you're planning to ban dogs down the beach altogether. People use the prom as a place to exercise, socialise and use local businesses. Most of the businesses are dog friendly which proves how popular the area is. Your then segregating us dog owners for what?
36. Ban retractable leads on the prom. Make the dog owners have more control over the dog/dogs
37. The amount of dog mess on the promenade and on the walkway below the promenade is absolutely awful. You spend most of your time looking where you are walking. On busy days, it is a concern on the amount of dogs around Francos/Remos who are with owners but out of control. Owners often struggle to control them. These are high footfall areas, with lots of children around, who like to run, shout and are unpredictable.

We have witnessed on many occasions dogs who are visibly overwhelmed and shouldn't be at the beach in these busy times.

38. Maybe consider extending the length of the beach available for dog walkers I.e start the ban from the steps just after the skate park towards la memo coffee shed.
 39. If I can't walk the dog there during the winter months. Then any money I spend in the locality will be spent elsewhere.
 40. Dogs should be on SHORT leads on the prom as extended leads cause a hazard.
 41. While I agree to the restriction, I would like the access to the beach (currently unofficial? via the last set of steps), to include the last 2 sets of steps (coffee kiosk and toilets). This would give dog owners, and non dog owners better access to the toilet and coffee kiosk. It would also allow families with children and a dog, to be on the beach, and have access to facilities.
 42. You should do a survey about what the locals feel about the BBQs, rubbish, glass and food waste left behind by beach visitors which is regularly removed by us dogwalkers every morning.
 43. Many people who walk their dogs are law abiding it's a shame that the ones who are not ruins it for the rest
 44. All this , I think will bring more mental issues because of the Covid thing.
 45. It's because this issue could become an aggravating racial thing . A lot of ethnic communities do not like dogs .
 46. There is a need for manual beach cleaners when the beach is busy. Just as dangerous as dogs/ dog poo on the beach is dirty nappies and broken glass left on the sand despite there being bins just yards away. Beach cleaners could police the dog issue and also hand out fines to irresponsible be each users leaving litter on the beach which
 47. Need to clarify if whole beach or no including dune end this would have a massive impact if it was the whole beach area the questions are not clear about this
 48. I used to enjoy walking along beach and tides shallow water bare footed. But after stepping in dogs faeces several times I have had to abandon this practice. This happened in any season, and helped with my joint pains. I've seen dog owners chatting for extended periods whilst leaving their dogs run around out of their sight resulting in the inevitable toileting not observed, besides pestering other people.
- The prom on leads is a very good idea, except when on the extended leads are left to

tangle around peoples legs, as well as endangering cyclists using their lane but shared with a dog on a 15ft lead. I have been tripped up by a lead whilst the owner was not paying attention to their charge

and was told to look where I was going by an obnoxious owner.

My wife and I don't need this hassle being in our seventies, so we now limit our visits for fear of both these reasons.

I hasten to add we both are dog lovers as our children are dog owners, but we are not so keen on the irresponsible owners.

49. It would be hypocritical to stop dog walkers using that side of the beach during the summer months. Aberavon is thriving, with a high percentage of customer being dog owners. Francos and the Front allow dogs at their facilities so they will be impacted. People will go to Swansea instead which will mean less people will be going to Aberavon. At the moment, people who do not like dogs have access to the main beach. I have never heard of witnessed any issues with dogs on the beach and I would say there's a bigger issue with people littering. In regards to dog fouling making the water dirty for other beach users, tonnes of waste is flushed into the ocean every day! I would be more concerned about the Steel Works!
50. It would be nice if the dog friendly areas were made clearer please .. maybe pointing people towards them! Prom is busy all year and near the road so should be dogs on leads all year
51. Seems like a pretty empty and pointless consultation,when the whole summer I have witnessed dogs on the beach daily during the May to September expulsion order..on leads and off leads and the promenade is a disgrace with dog mess,..promenade and lower steps .The dunes end is even worst with dog bags scattered all over the dunes
52. Why are you asking questions about sexual orientation/gender reassignment and language in terms of dogs accessing the beach? Come on?!
53. Aberavon is one of the few beaches that are truly accessible in the area (for those using wheelchairs and pushchairs).
54. More fines for people littering the beach not responsible dog owners
55. Fine humans for littering the beach they are more harmful than dogs
56. You are targeting people who generally are responsible people. There are those who will always let their dogs foul. Also the police are too busy as it is.

57. This appears to be a tick box exercise only to say that you have done the consultation and to check it doesn't affect any of the legal challenges you might face banning dogs from the beach
58. I don't agree with dogs running around on the beach in the summer when it is full of people and children but some days if the weather is bad and the beach isn't being used then there is no reason why the dogs can't go on there. Also you need to tighten up on the people using the beach and leaving a mess and lighting fires and barbecues on the beach. Most responsible dog owners clean up after them, but the dog mess on the prom during the winter is disgusting, can't you enforce this more inter
59. Environment act 1990 states that it is the duty of the dog owner to clean up after their dog. Humans make more mess than animals and they do not clean up after themselves, 70% of humans are dirty.
60. the amount of dog mess along the promenade is disgusting. there should be a total ban on dogs not on leads 12 months of the year.
61. everytime i visit the prom and or the beach i am constantly dodging the mountains of dog shit it is totally disgusting i dread to think what the result is to young children who may come into contact with it
62. Dogs should be banned all year around off the main beach. and a lead should be no longer than 5ft
63. I think respectful dog owners should be allowed, those with no respect of the law don't follow the rules anyway
64. The pay and display parking machines initialise in welsh language, many people do not know how to obtain english language instructions, as the machines instructions are unclear. why not have english or welsh message at the very begining as presently it confuses and delays people leading to frustration.
65. More dog bins in the area in general. 1 lost at the end of channel view since the new houses were built maybe one by the cinema sign and petrol station. Dogs are not the ones causing the mess it's the owners who don't pick up after them . Animals need exercise and should be allowed to run off lead as long as under control and good behaviour.

66. The dunes side of the beach is open all the year. Perhaps sign posting to Scarlett Ave car park saying dogs are welcome on the beach here would help those who are not regular visits to the area.
67. People who don't pick up after their dogs should be prosecuted more rigidly and/or banned from owning dogs.
68. Why can't there be a permit system to allow you to walk your dogs on the beach at any time? The cost of this permit could go towards the beach area upkeep and keep everyone happy. Also, couldn't they use the beach by permit either early mornings or late evenings to reduce any issues visitors might have?
69. Possible reduction of the ban period to school holidays period as during a lot of other weeks when the beach isn't used especially during poor weather
70. I'm a pensioner and have mobility issues and excluding my dog and therefore myself from the central part of the beach means I have no access to any of the cafes or facilities .

Appendix F - Comments on Resourcing and Enforcement for PSPO Aberavon Beach

1. Dogs should be let on the beach the whole year around, it is the people on the beach that leaves the mess. And by going by this year, I have seen lots of people taking their dogs on the beach and nothing has been done about it, so the ones that listen like myself loses out
2. why don't you make sure owners clean up their dog poo from all areas on beach front and the sand, no enforcement what so ever
3. I visit the beach very regularly and the rules are VERY blatantly flouted. I have never ever seen a patrol along the prom which, when it's not raining, is full of dog mess. Dogs should have their own designated area (small beach) but be on a lead a t all times out of this area. Unfortunately the owners that flout the rules also seem to have the untrained dogs.
4. I have been bothered by dogs on the beach and on the promenade on several occasions. I've had dogs running and barking at me, and jumping up onto me. I am a disabled person (largely invisible condition), these incidents have caused me great anxiety and over the last year I have actively avoided walking on the beach when dogs are allowed on it. The majority of dog owners are responsible and keep their dogs under control, however I continue to suffer repeated incidents from dogs not under proper control, and victim blaming from irresponsible dog owners. I have reported concerns to the council in the past and have spoken to the officer who patrols the beach. On several occasions I have noticed dog faeces on the beach also. I feel very strongly that restrictions should remain place and be better unforced. Dog mess is a constant problem on the promenade and spoils the area for the whole community and any visitors to it.
5. Having grown up on the beach I take great pride in looking after what we have and what we call home. The beach is a place of beauty and encourages connection with nature and the community. Most dogs and dog owners respect it as I do, it is sadly the minority of dog owners who spoil it for others. If this is a safety response to the news about aggressive dogs in the press, the same people will carry on offending regardless - as the situation is not patrolled or policed often enough to enforce the

policy. My husband is a police officer and dog crimes whilst taken seriously, will not be top of their priorities unless there is a risk to life. They are busy enough. I have been disgusted by the mess I have been met with most mornings through the summer from people abusing the beach. Rubbish, glass, burnt out fire pits. The council do a good job of cleaning up, but it's not policed or therefore no policy enforced (my precious point re bad dog owners!). Besides, the council rarely have time to clean the beach before the dog owners get there in the summer months. So we face the mess regardless in the little space we are allowed on. I plead that you do not enforce these silly rules to only be broken by the usual offenders.

6. Enforcement wardens are needed to deter the rule breaking. We love our dog but get frustrated with other owners having a care free attitude. The beach should be protected during the height of the summer. Families should be able to picnic and play without a dog interfering when not wanted
7. Regular wardens to remind dog owners of their responsibilities especially when it comes to cleaning up after them
8. I always abide to the rules this becomes an issue when some dog owners do not. I often see people walking their dogs between April and September on the designated beach they not supposed to be on but have never seen them charged more fines need to be issued and more patrol is needed.
9. Need more wardens to enforce the Public Space Protection Order, especially dogs off lead on the promenade.
10. Equally mindful living in mariners point and constantly picking up rubbish from humans on the beach. Unfortunately unless there are patrol and fines there are no consequences. In 17 years of living here I've never ever seen a marshal monitoring dog fouling or humans leaving rubbish. So change what you like after your consultation it will make no difference unless strict monitoring and marshalling of the beaches take place.
11. Blanket ban is ridiculous. More enforcement required. That goes for humans who litter also
12. More patrols as I regularly see dogs off leads during this period
13. We need better policing regarding the glass & other rubbish left on the beach. We also need strictest enforcement regarding picking up dog waste.

14. Dogs have only been allowed back on the beach for over a week and there's already an increase in dog poo on the promenade and grassed areas. During the summer dogs being kept on the leads should be policed more, there are always numbers of dogs off Lead
15. More dog wardens on patrol. Machines to clean prom during evening/night when there are fewer people around
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17. I walk the promenade on a daily basis, some irresponsible dog owners do not control their dogs and do not address fouling by their own owners, this is a fact and common place, I have reported this on numerous occasions to NPTBC, there is insufficient enforcement and a lack of clear sign posts, many owners simply disregard the signs and/or become abusive if challenged. More visible patrols are required and action taken against offenders as a deterrent. Local residents deserve to be able to enjoy this natural resource without fear of being attacked or stepping in dog excrement
18. Enforcement is poor already
19. More dog wardens on the promenade and on the streets
20. This is all well and good, but it is not policed at all. People can just do what they want, and not get into trouble for it. People cause more mess on beaches than dogs do.
21. People leave more of a mess on the beach than dogs/dog walkers. Maybe you need more enforcement officers there fining people got leaving rubbish/smashed glass etc on the beach
22. Would like to see enforcement of the exclusion area as often see dogs on the beach in the summer in the exclusion area and there are other areas of the beach you can freely take the dog.
23. The only way this will benefit anyone is if there is a dog warden available to fine those who do not keep dogs on leads. And mostly the dog owners who do not dispose of dog mess. Swimming is popular with many groups all year. It's sad and disgusting to see so many bags of poo left on all areas of beach.
24. Employ a full time permanent dog warden.
25. Enforce people picking up their dog waste and litter

26. What should be policed is owners not cleaning up after their dogs. The owners are the ones who should be more responsible. Dogs should be allowed on our beaches at any time, however all dogs should be on leads on the promenade. All you need to do more of is police those who don't pick up dog mess and get more poo bins
27. Policing the ban more effectively during the summer months would help. I have often seen dogs on the beach before the 30th Sept.
28. wardens on the beach ... keep the 'little beach open for dogs
29. The amount of times I've walked the prom early in the morning with my dog on a lead and people on the sand dogs running free .I haven't seen one dog patrol guy. Over the summer I would say 20 plus dogs I've seen on the various times of the day .So this needs to be managed more stringently
30. Fed up of seeing dogs on the beach between 1st May and 30th September. Dogs are regularly on the beach during this time. Do dog wardens patrol the area. Whilst walking along the promenade last week the amount of dog poo was disgusting. Feel sorry for the children as they always don't see the poo on the floor.
31. Whatever is decided it needs to be policed / patrolled fouling is particularly bad on the lower promenade at this time of year .
32. The amount of rubbish and detritus left by human beings on Aberavon Beach at all times of the year, far outweighs any rubbish left by the vast majority of dog walkers 99% of whom are responsible when exercising their dogs. They also spend large amounts of money on the facilities (such as there are) available. Why would you want to damage an already failing economy further by excluding the largest continual users of Aberavon Beach. Maybe actively enforcing the existing rules is a far better idea. The amount of people who aren't aware or choose to ignore the restrictions is galling if like me and the vast majority to follow the rules.
33. A permanent enforcement officer should patrol the beach in the summer rather than leaving it to locals who get nothing but abuse when asking dog owners to obey the rules
34. Would like to see rules enforced as a dog walker I'm often ashamed of some of other walkers disregard of the rules
35. As a daily walker on Aberavon seafront it would be nice to see a warden at the beach enforcing the order during the summer as there are always people ignoring the restriction, and when I have pointed out it's not allowed I get a mouthful of abuse.

36. Police the promenade
37. I am a regulars walker at Aberavon beach. I have noticed since dogs are allowed onto beach a massive increase in dog mess on the beach and lower walkway below the promenade. Two weeks ago on the lower walkway I counted 14 piles of dogs mess 2 poo bags full just left on holders and this was only between the RNLI slipway and the slipway going up to the Whale. I often see dogs pooing on beach and their owners just covering it with sand. I wonder how they would feel if they stepped in it bare footed or their child dug it up whilst building sandcastles. There are so many responsible dog owners but then there are those who have no qualms about let their dog foul and not clearing it up. It is only up until recently that I have not been a dog owner and find it so frustrating to see so many dogs running free whilst children are playing at the beach over the past few weeks with their owners hundreds of meters away, there is no way they could have control over their animals at such a distance. Perhaps it's about time NPT Council employed a beach dog warden full time
38. The beach and prom are covered in dog faeces year round. It is truly disgusting. Also the dog fouling and keeping dogs on leads does not seem to be policed by NPTCBC in any way. Some of the dogs and their owners are absolutely terrifying, it's not a nice place to be. A dog warden giving out fines would be self funding. Please do something about this appalling state of affairs.
39. Have more dog wardens so that dog owners pick up their dogs mess
40. As long as owners clean up after their dogs there should be no issue. Also need an good enforcement team with protection for them from owners by the police.

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Appendix G - Time Restriction Suggestion for PSPO Aberavon Beach

1. Dogs should be allowed on the beach because when they are not allowed, majority of the time the weather is awful and no one attends the beach. This impacts local businesses. The beach is always busy when dogs are allowed. Also, humans leave more mess than dogs. How about a partial ban, between 10am and 6pm?
Responsible dog owners only walk dogs late at night or early morning when the weather is hot, and it's nice for dogs to be able to cool off in the sea
2. Wardens are more interested in giving a dog walker a ticket, than dealing with actual littering issues in the dunes and on the small beach. Just going after an easy target. There's no justification for any restrictions outside of school holidays. During the holidays, the beach should be free use for everyone in the evenings and early mornings.
3. I feel there is more rubbish, bbqs etc left on the beach during summer months. Most dog owners are responsible owners who pick up after their dogs. There is only a high demand for beach in hot sunny summer days, where dog walkers are out all weather. I feel the rules need to be changed and more relaxed. For example dogs allowed on the main beach early morning 6am-10am and in the evenings 8pm-midnight. On hot sunny days dogs are not walked during peak times. The rules need to be reviewed and more flexible as more people than ever now have dogs.
4. I live here in port talbot with 2 dogs. This is our home and the beach is their favourite walk (we live 5 minutes away). I understand that people that don't have dogs may not want dogs on the beach, but surely we can compromise? I'd be happy to keep my dogs on a short lead on the prom in high season. Maybe 8pm-8am us with dogs would be allowed to take the dogs on the beach in high season? I understand the small beach is available through high season but with the tide in it takes around 10 minutes to walk up and can be extremely busy when the tides in.
5. The beach is totally empty for more than half of the year in the mornings and evenings, yet the promenade is full of dog walkers. The dunes and small beach are always used. During the summer the promenade is unusable by most because it is

full of dogs on leads. Bikes can't pass. Opening up the beach to dogs in the morning/evenings will make the promenade usable by more people.

6. Allow dog walking on beach before 9 am and after 7 pm. Beach quiet and most walkers clean up after their dogs
7. Think generally it would be better to only restrict dogs during the main summer months during the school holidays ect. and only during the day, early morning and late evening when the beach is empty dogs should be allowed, most of the litter on the beach is caused by irresponsible individuals and not dogs, most dog owners do pick up the mess and allowing dogs on the beach allows the beach to be fully utilized all year round when it would otherwise be empty
8. I think it would be beneficial for dogs to be allowed on the beach before 8am during the summer months. I visit the beach daily and there are rarely people on the beach between 5am & 8am. When the weather is hot, most dog owners aim to be out between 5am & 8am when its cooler. I think keeping the rules for leads on promenade is a must to ensure small children are not knocked over by dogs running loose. But a complete ban on the beach, I completely disagree with.
9. Have more sensible restrictions. Allow certain times / weather / areas. Humans leave more mess than dogs!
10. Think dogs should be allowed early mornings and late evenings when there is less people on the beach.
11. During the summer months, many beachgoers, families, group etc visit the sections of the beach where dogs are not restricted. Having the large section restricted concentrates dogs to small area (E.g. the small side) which contributes to higher instances of issues involving dogs. We are very fortunate at Aberavon to have a large beach which should be enjoyed by all, including dog walkers during the summer months. If the council finds that restrictions should remain, please consider a time restriction, i.e. dogs are not permitted 10am to 6pm. This would be a huge positive for dog walkers in the area, and would have minimal disruption during the busiest hours on the beach. Thanks
12. Please consider revising the restriction to 1st June until 1st September. Many dog walkers are the only people on the promenade and small beach throughout

September particularly. There is no reason not to make the beach accessible from the 1st September.

13. I propose times of day dogs are allowed to use beach like in other European countries for example between 10-6pm no dogs allowed on beach.
14. It is my option that as long as dog owners are responsible that the restrictions could be relaxed. If dogs were to be allowed on the beach early in the morning and late in the evening it would have little to no impact on other beach users.
15. Rubbish, broken glass and used bbqs left on beach cause more damage than allowing dogs on the beach. Most walkers are there before 10 and before any families arrive.
16. I don't agree with dogs being allowed in the beach during peak times where it's busy with children and hot weather. However, I do feel strongly that dogs should be allowed on the beach between 6am-10am and 8pm-10pm
17. As long as dog owners are responsible at all times for their dogs we should be allowed access to the main beach early mornings & evenings when the beach is at it's quietest & temperatures are cooler.
18. If there needs to be restrictions, please consider school holiday periods and allow dogs on the beach between 8pm-8am as most dog owners would be happy to do that in the summer. The current situation is unfair to the majority of us that are considerate pet owners.
19. Dogs should be permitted on the big beach all year long. I'd understand time restrictions in peak summer - I.e early morning and late evenings. The smaller beach remains very popular despite dogs being permitted all year which demonstrates that people are unphased by dog presence. The current restrictions penalise local residents, if increased as proposed would be even more unfair.
20. There were many times I went past an empty beach to try and walk down the far end to get on a beach. I do not believe in a blanket ban but I do believe dogs shouldn't roam freely on a packed beach. I also believe the dogs should be allowed on a quiet beach. I suggest, as there are lifeguards in this season, they put a flag up that will either allow or disallow dogs on the beach depending on how many occupants are on it. Or someone else. Why can't I walk a dog on an empty beach which it usually is before my working day all year?

21. Dogs should be allowed on the beach at certain times, early morning, evening, during the night. That's no need to ban them from using the beach when no one else is on it. I do think that they should be kept on leads. A lot can't control their dogs, they let them off the lead, then spend 1/2 hour chasing them down the beach
22. I am a widowed 40 year old mother with 2 dogs and 3 children age ranging 6 to 13. I also suffer with bulging discs in my lower back. I live on Aberavon beach. I require accessible access to the community and want to keep people safe by walking my 2 dogs when the tide is out, my children can also join me. During summer months, I avoid the smaller beach. The grass area by the whale is extremely busy with children and other dog walkers. I do not let my dogs off the lead here due to the volume of people. But this aggravates my back pain. I have had disputes in summer months with people who previously asked me to keep my dogs on a lead on the grass (they did nothing wrong, just run around), as children played on the grass. But we can't access the beach! The children and families can. But they still choose to stay on grass as opposed to the beach. I do not intend to walk my dogs in very hot weather. I just require easy access to an open space to walk my dog close to my home. Early mornings and evenings would be fine during summer months.
23. During high season. Dogs should be allowed on the beach. If not then restrictions should start at 10am – 6pm
24. Occasionally walk with a friend and her dog on Aberafan prom, we see others breaking the no dogs on beach rule. But, often the beach is all but empty. Would a school holiday restriction or allowing dogs after 7pm for instance give more people an opportunity to enjoy the beach during the summer months.
25. I think there should be a time limit when the exclusion of dogs on beaches is on situ. I think for locals and visitors if the exclusion was between 8am-6pm it would enable everybody to enjoy the whole beach at some point in the day. Most dog walkers professional or otherwise do walk early and late to ensure the rest of the day is clear for either work or other plans. It gives everyone the best of both.
26. Don't agree with banning dogs in the beach between May and Sept. I don't visit Aberavon during these months for this reason. A better approach may be dogs on leads during this time or during a specific time period eg 10-4. Another option may be a ban during the summer holidays if necessary.

27. Dogs should be allowed on the beach during May to September in the early mornings and evenings
28. There should be a relaxation of the rules during peak season to allow dogs on the beach/prom in the early and late hours of the day. Restricting them from the beach and prom altogether is unfair on local residents
29. Dogs should be on a lead on the promenade at all times all year round. Dogs should be allowed on the beach during summer months before 9am and after 8pm and off lead, the rest of the year dogs should be allowed on the beach off lead
30. Compromise - allow dogs on beach before 8am and after 7pm ish, this may also help with the nuisance behaviour from partying youngsters. Responsible dog owners are more likely to pick up litter because we don't want our dogs harmed
31. I personally would like to see a curfew through summer months on dog walking on main beach like no dogs on main beach between the hours of say 8am to 8pm more dog bins and more wardens to fine the irresponsible dog owners who don't pick up after their dog and same goes for the waste that humans leave behind on the beach.
32. As a dog walker who uses the beach twice a day and night I think there should be a time restriction on the beach . Dogs allowed up until 9/10am and the same after 9pm and this only up to the 1st September when the lifeguards leave the beach end of summer
33. Let dogs go on the beach- all year but between limited hours during high season
34. As a dog owner and a responsible one , I believe dogs should be on a lead on the prom area. However good your dog is , there is a small chance the dog could be agitated, so can control a dog on a lead. On the big beach , believe good to have free reign at certain times , good perhaps before 10 am and after 7pm, but again can't see issues to use big beach with dogs but just restrict in actual school holidays including May half term. As for prom, due to footfall including older people and people with disabilities, think dogs should be on a lead at all times.
35. I support allowing dog access to the main beach during May to Sept up to 9am (early morning) and from 8pm (late evening)
36. Although I believe there should be restrictions, these should have a time limit. IE between the hours of 09:00 and 20:00.

37. I am a dog owner and have been for 5 years. My boys are taken to the beach every morning early so they can be walked on their leads along the prom and grass verge On LEADS. Yes they should be kept under control (all dogs)! There are a few who do what they like especially not picking up faeces. This disgusts me. We are all responsible including rubbish not put in bins. Early morning and later in the evening is a very good idea during May through September .
38. While I agree about the Summer time ban to some extent but why not have staggered times such as early morning and evening a disagree about a blanket ban. That would be unfair on dog owners who also spend money in the cafes along the sea front. I agree with dogs having to be on leads on the prom. Walkers and cyclist have been injured by dogs running loose
39. I understand banning dogs on the beach in summer during peak hours but before 10 am and say after 7 pm when beach is quieter wouldn't impact visitors
40. I would be good to allow dogs on the beach before 9am and after 7pm in the summer.
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43. Dogs should be allowed on the beach during off peak times 1/5-30/9. It's far easier to clean dog mess from the sand firstly and secondly the prom becomes overly crowded with big walkers and cyclists
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46. Dog walkers should have specified times on the main beach during the summer months

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53. I think there should be time restrictions in the time period . I also think that it should be policed as there are people who do not pick up after their dogs
54. You could leave the end of the beach from the pier to the RNLI as a available for dog walkers and then the Reno's end for no dogs. Most people use this end of the beach anyway because of the splash park, Francos, etc. you could even consider saying the pier to RNLI area can be used for dog walkers between the hours of.....
55. I strongly agree with dogs being kept on a SHORT lead and under control on the Promenade thus avoiding accidents with other promenade users. However, I DO believe that some flexibility could and should be made regarding the TOTAL exclusion of dogs from the beach between May and October. Most dog walkers would choose to walk their animals either early or late in the day thereby avoiding hot sand/pavements etc. A possible trial period would be sensible to monitor if said dog walkers are responsible enough to pick up after their pets. Most do but there are always going to be the infuriating, irresponsible, dirty beggars who don't. Whether sensible dog owners can or

would be willing to call them into account is at this point an unknown. Hence the trial period. On saying that, irresponsible beach users abound across all age groups. The Little beach is a crazy hazard for parents of small children, due to the irresponsible teenagers (and older) who leave litter including glass and BBQ paraphernalia. A MASSIVE hazard and one that can be quite costly to dog owners who have to pay vets bills if their dog gets injured.

56. Dogs could at least be allowed on the beach before 10 am .
57. I am a dog owner and use the beach to exercise my dog, I see no problem in using the beach and prom between October and May but would also like to use the beach at other times through May to Sept on days it is too cold or wet for sun bathing or for children to be on the beach (in quieter times). I think more needs to be done to dog owners who do not pick up their dog mess, I have answered the questions as a responsible dog owner who always cleans up after my dog, but I know there is a problem along the prom with dog mess, that is more of an issue than dogs using the beach.
58. Many places offer dog friendly hours during the summer i.e before 10am and after 6pm.
59. I think that the dogs should have access to the beach in the morning and late evening after 6-7 and when the weather is poor
60. Could the dog ban be implemented between 9am to 6pm throughout summer, or during high tide only. Research Cornwall beaches as to what they do
61. Allowing dogs on the beach all year would bring the beach in line with other dog friendly venues in other parts of the country ie Cornwall. This would bring in additional revenue for local business if dogs were allowed all year. However if this is not accepted then could a compromise be made ie dogs allowed before 10am and after 6pm again in line with other beaches in Cornwall.
62. If you really wish to keep dogs banned from the beach in summer try a time frame like many beaches in Cornwall. No dogs between 9am and 6pm for example. Humans are doing more damage to our beaches than dogs are.
63. I think during high season that dogs be allowed on the beach before 9am. This would allow dogs to have a run before the beach gets busy. I also think the dogs on lead on the promenade rule should be all year. It is safer for the dogs.

64. Times have changed. So many families have dogs now and are part of the family. Take a look at Cornwall where sensible access is allowed at beaches cafes pubs and shops
65. Dogs should be allowed in the exclusion zone in early mornings and late nights at all times of the year. I do agree that dogs should be on the lead on the prom, but this should not be enforced. As a dog owner, I wouldn't leave my dog off the lead on a busy beach because he would try to get the attention of everyone he met and that may be unwanted by the other people. I disagree with the proposed order, but if it does go ahead then families should be encouraged not to use the small beach during the enforcement dates to allow dogs the free space they need to run around freely.
66. If the restriction is to stay, amend it to allow dog walkers before 7am and after 7pm during the high season
67. I agree that having dogs running loose during busy periods can be unsettling for some users. As a resident I feel there should be allocated times for dog walkers, for example, dogs are allowed on beach between 9pm and 9am.
68. Consider a timed use of the beach. EG early morning when the beach is quiet dogs should be able to use the whole beach.
69. Why not allow dogs on the main beach early morning (before 9am) and later evening (after 6/7pm) as a regular dog walker and dipper down at Aberavon beach the main problem is rubbish left by people after being at the beach and not the dog walkers. I do agree with dogs on leads on the prom. Being down there everyday i have seen dogs on the main beach many times when they shouldn't be and have never seen a warden down there policing it.
70. I think that dogs walkers and dog owners should be allowed in this part of the beach maybe before 9am. There is rarely anyone on it at that time. It is important that people have somewhere to walk their dogs and easy access for young families, older people and people with visual impairments.
71. I think dogs should be allowed on the beach during the period May - Sept even if it's just a small window in the early hours of the morning
72. Banning dogs completely results in limitation of tourism. Will also result in dogs getting left in hot cars. Dogs on promenade on leads is fine but with requirement for them being fully under control. The beach is big enough for dogs and families. Can have zones that

are no dogs and zones that are dog friendly. Walking on whole beach could be allowed before 10am and after 6pm.

73. Perhaps consider permitting dogs on beach from 7pm-7am to give locals the chance to walk their dogs. Also, very little evidence of enforcement officers in relation to dog fouling, deterrents needed, especially on prom/ lower prom.
74. Why can't you look at allowing dog walkers to walk their dogs between certain times from May to September. Early morning and late afternoon.
75. I think, unfortunately the issue lies with people. Some people don't pick up after their dogs just as some don't think twice about leaving litter. I think most dog walkers would choose to avoid the beach during peak season anyway if the beach is busy or the weather is too warm for their dogs. They would most likely come later when it's quiet or cooler so it won't impact other beach users. It's a shame some owners ruin it for the majority. I think rather than a continued ban, a set of specific times people can go on the beach with dogs would be a good compromise.
76. While I agree excluding dogs on the beach during peak season is ok. I think there should be some flexibility here. Being able to walk dogs on the beach in the evening (Dark hours) when the beach is empty shouldn't be an issue and should be allowed.

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014
PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER 2023
EXCLUSION OF DOGS FROM ABERAVON BEACH (1 MAY – 30 SEPTEMBER)

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council (the “Council”), being the local authority, and in exercise of its power under Section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (the “2014 Act”), and all other enabling powers, and being satisfied that irresponsible and uncontrolled dog control activities has a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, and that the conditions set out in Section 59 of the 2014 Act are met, hereby makes the following Public Spaces Protection Order.

This Order may be cited as, ‘Public Spaces Protection Order 2023 – Exclusion of dogs from Aberavon Beach (1 May – 30 September)’.

The Public Spaces Protection Order 2023 – Exclusion of dogs from Aberavon Beach (1 May – 30 September), comes into effect on **DAY MONTH** 2024 at 12:00am, and will remain in force for a period of three [3] years from this date, unless extended by further Orders made under the Council’s statutory powers.

This Order applies:

1. To the land, specified in Schedule 1; and
2. For the duration, specified in Schedule 2.

Information

- a. Dogs that are allowed on Aberavon Beach can cause a nuisance and injury to members of the public, and other animals. Additionally, by allowing dogs on Aberavon Beach, it can affect the bathing water quality, and any potential fouling on the beach area during the bathing water season from 1 May to 30 September, each year.

Definition(s)

1. For the purpose of this Order:
 - a. A, “*Person in Charge*”, means the person who has the dog in his/her possession, care or company at the time the offence is committed or otherwise, the owner or person who habitually has the dog in his possession.
 - b. An, “*Authorised Officer*”, means a constable of South Wales Police, or an officer authorised by the Council under Section 68 of the 2014 Act.

Offence

2. A Person in Charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if, during the periods specified in Schedule 2, that person takes the dog[s] onto, or permits the dog[s] to enter or to remain on, the land specified in Schedule 1, unless:
 - a. That person has a reasonable excuse for doing so; and/or
 - b. The owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his or her doing so.

Exemption[s]

3. The offence[s] does not apply to a person who:
 - a. Is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under Section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948 [or any other legislation](#); and/or
 - b. Is registered as, “sight impaired”, “severely sight impaired”, or as having, “sight and hearing impairments”, which, in combination have a significant effect on their day to day lives, in a register compiled under Section 18 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 [or any other legislation](#); and/or
 - c. [Has a physical or mental impairment which has substantial and long-term adverse effects on the ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities including affecting his/her: mobility; manual dexterity; physical co-ordination or ability to lift; carry or otherwise move everyday objects in respect of a dog trained by a registered charity or such other charity/approved body as is considered appropriate by the Council and upon which he/she relies for assistance; and/or](#)
 - d. [Is training an assistance dog for a registered charity or such other charity/approved body as is considered appropriate by the Council; and/or](#)
 - e. Is using a working dog for purposes of: law enforcement; agriculture; or statutory emergency services; [and/or](#)
 - f. [Is not a person falling within the criteria mentioned in paragraphs 3\(a\) to 3\(e\) above, but who the Council considers should be exempt due to the impairment of that particular person](#)

4. Where the Person in Charge of a dog wishes to rely upon any of the exemptions set out in this Order, the burden of proof will be on that person to prove that they satisfy the requirements of the exemption being relied upon.

Penalty

5. A person who is guilty of an offence under this Order, shall, on summary conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale (currently £1,000).

Fixed Penalty Notice

6. An Authorised Officer may issue a Fixed Penalty Notice to anyone he or she believes has committed an offence under this Order. A Person in Charge will have fourteen [14] days to pay the fixed penalty of £75, or a discounted amount of £50, if paid within ten [10] days. A failure to pay the Fixed Penalty Notice may result in the Council or South Wales Police commencing criminal proceedings at a local Magistrates’ Court.

Appeal

7. In accordance with Section 66 of the 2014 Act, any interested person who wishes to challenge the validity of this Order on the grounds that:
 - a. the Council did not have the power to make the Order; or
 - b. a requirement under the 2014 Act has not been complied with.

may apply to the High Court, within six weeks from the date upon which this Order is made.

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**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014
PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER 2023
DOGS ON LEADS ON PROMENADE (1 MAY – 30 SEPTEMBER)**

PROPOSED ORDER

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council (the “Council”), being the local authority, and in exercise of its power under Section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (the “2014 Act”), and all other enabling powers, and being satisfied that irresponsible and uncontrolled dog control activities has a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, and that the conditions set out in Section 59 of the 2014 Act are met, hereby makes the following Public Spaces Protection Order.

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This Order applies:

1. To the land, specified in Schedule 1; and
2. For the duration, specified in Schedule 2.

Information

- a. When not properly supervised, and kept under control, dogs that are allowed off a lead in public areas can cause a nuisance and injury to members of the public, and other animals. Additionally, due to Aberavon Promenade being in the vicinity of a highway, dogs that are off a lead can cause road traffic accidents.

Definition(s)

1. For the purpose of this Order:
 - a. A, “*Person in Charge*”, means the person who has the dog in his/her possession, care or company at the time the offence is committed or otherwise, the owner or person who habitually has the dog in his possession.
 - b. An, “*Authorised Officer*”, means a constable of South Wales Police, or an officer authorised by the Council under Section 68 of the 2014 Act.
 - c. A, “*Lead*”, means any cord, leash, rope or similar item used to control, tether or restrain a dog.

Offence[s]

2. A Person in Charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if, on the land specified in Schedule 1, during the periods specified in Schedule 2, a dog is not on a lead and that person does not comply with a direction given to him or her by an Authorised Officer to put and keep the dog on a Lead, unless:

- a. That person has a reasonable excuse for doing so; and/or
 - b. The owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his or her doing so.
3. For the purposes of Paragraph 2, an Authorised Officer shall only give a direction to put and keep a dog on a Lead if such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance or behaviour by the dog likely to cause alarm, distress or disturbance to any other person or animal or wildlife / bird on the land.

Exemption[s]

4. The offence[s] does not apply to a person who:
- a. Is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under Section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948 [or any other legislation](#); and/or
 - b. Is registered as, “sight impaired”, “severely sight impaired”, or as having, “sight and hearing impairments”, which, in combination have a significant effect on their day to day lives, in a register compiled under Section 18 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 [or any other legislation](#); and/or
 - c. [Has a physical or mental impairment which has substantial and long-term adverse effects on the ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities including affecting his/her: mobility; manual dexterity; physical co-ordination or ability to lift; carry or otherwise move everyday objects in respect of a dog trained by a registered charity or such other charity/approved body as is considered appropriate by the Council and upon which he/she relies for assistance; and/or](#)
 - d. [Is training an assistance dog for a registered charity or such other charity/approved body as is considered appropriate by the Council; and/or](#)
 - e. Is using a working dog for purposes of: law enforcement; agriculture; or statutory emergency services; [and/or](#)
 - f. [Is not a person falling within the criteria mentioned in paragraphs 4\(a\) to 4\(e\) above, but who the Council considers should be exempt due to the impairment of that particular person](#)
5. Where the Person in Charge of a dog wishes to rely upon any of the exemptions set out in this Order, the burden of proof will be on that person to prove that they satisfy the requirements of the exemption being relied upon.

Penalty

6. A person who is guilty of an offence under this Order, shall, on summary conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale (currently £1,000).

Fixed Penalty Notice

7. An Authorised Officer may issue a Fixed Penalty Notice to anyone he or she believes has committed an offence under this Order. A Person in Charge will have fourteen [14] days to pay the fixed penalty of £75, or a discounted amount of £50, if paid within ten [10] days. A failure to pay the Fixed Penalty Notice may result in the Council or South Wales Police commencing criminal proceedings at a local Magistrates’ Court.

Between 1 May, up to and including 30 September, of every year after the date this Order comes into force.

Impact Assessment - First Stage

1. Details of the initiative

Initiative description and summary: Public Space Protection Orders prohibiting dogs on Aberavon beach and requiring them to be kept on the lead on Aberavon promenade have been in place since 2017. This board reports requests permission to create two new PSPO's comprising the same restrictions as previous years, covering Aberavon beach and promenade, covering the next three years.

Service Area: Streetcare – Neighbourhood Services

Directorate: Environment and Regeneration

2. Does the initiative affect:

	Yes	No
Service users		X
Staff		X
Wider community	X	
Internal administrative processes		X

3. Does the initiative impact on people because of their:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't Know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence)/How might it impact?
Age		x				The proposals will have no impact.
Disability		x				The prohibition of dogs on the beach would potentially impact on anyone who requires the company of a guide dog; however, the proposed PSPOs include exemptions for working guide dogs and therefore the initiative would have no impact.
Gender Reassignment		x				The proposals will have no impact

Marriage/Civil Partnership		x				The proposals will have no impact
Pregnancy/Maternity		x				The proposals will have no impact
Race		x				The proposals will have no impact
Religion/Belief		x				The proposals will have no impact
Sex		x				The proposals will have no impact
Sexual orientation		x				The proposals will have no impact

4. Does the initiative impact on:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence used) / How might it impact?
People's opportunities to use the Welsh language			x			The proposals will have no impact, all signage/notification and communication will be produced bilingually as standard.
Treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English			x			The proposals will have no impact, all signage/notification and communication will be produced bilingually as standard.

5. Does the initiative impact on biodiversity:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence) / How might it impact?
To maintain and enhance biodiversity			x			Aberavon beach provides habitat for biodiversity, including species with legal protection. The beach is used for foraging for wading sea birds, such as sanderling and ringed plover and the wider Swansea Bay area, which can be impacted by

						<p>activity on Aberavon beach, supports breeding populations of porpoise. Dog walking in areas is known to have negative impacts on biodiversity, for example, through disturbance and displacement of nesting birds, or through pollution impacts of dog waste on areas. Therefore, restricting access to Aberavon beach for dog walkers is likely to have a positive impact for biodiversity in this area. There is a risk that displaced dog walking could put more pressure on biodiversity of other sites along the coastline for the time that the PSPO is in place. However, the PSPOs have been in place for the last 6 years and there is no evidence of problem arising, and is not likely to change. The restriction only applies to 2 of 5Km of beach line.</p>
<p>To promote the resilience of ecosystems, i.e. supporting protection of the wider environment, such as air quality, flood alleviation, etc.</p>	X				M	<p>A lack of regulation of recreational activities in sensitive areas such as the beach and sand dunes has been identified as a key threat to the ecosystem resilience of coastal habitats in NPT (NPT State of Nature, NPT LNP). A restriction on dog walking on Aberavon beach will positively contribute to ecosystem resilience of this coastal habitat, namely by reducing disturbance to wading birds and reducing pollution in the form of dog excrement and discarded plastic 'poo-bags'. There is a risk that displaced dog walking could put more pressure on biodiversity of other sites along the coastline for the time that the PSPO is in place although no problems have been identified further to the last 6 years of operation. If problems arose an awareness campaign can be initiated in mitigation.</p>

6. Does the initiative embrace the sustainable development principle (5 ways of working):

	Yes	No	Details
Long term - how the initiative supports the long term well-being of people	x		The implementation of the PSPO's will ensure that people can safely use and enjoy the beach and promenade safely during the summer months.
Integration - how the initiative impacts upon our wellbeing objectives	x		The implementation of the PSPO's will ensure that people can safely use and enjoy the beach and promenade safely during the summer months. The beachfront is a key location and an asset for various reasons, such as leisure, tourism, exercise, community cohesion etc.
Involvement - how people have been involved in developing the initiative	x		A consultation exercise has been undertaken so that the views of local residents and the wider community can be considered.
Collaboration - how we have worked with other services/organisations to find shared sustainable solutions		x	Not applicable.
Prevention - how the initiative will prevent problems occurring or getting worse	x		The implementation of the PSPOs will ensure that beach and promenade users are safe from the health hazards associated with dogs being off the lead and any associated fouling.

7. Declaration - based on above assessment (tick as appropriate):

A full impact assessment (second stage) is not required	x
Reasons for this conclusion	
<p>The proposals will not have any adverse impact on people with protected characteristics or people's ability the ability to use the welsh language. Generally, there is a positive impact in terms of biodiversity, with the only potential negative impact being the dispersal of dog walkers to other areas of the coast; however, problems have not arisen from the last six years of operation. Any impact would be minimum and managed by an education awareness programme if required. The initiative will also support the sustainable development principle as required by The Wellbeing of Future of Generations Wales Act.</p>	

A full impact assessment (second stage) is required	
Reasons for this conclusion	

	Name	Position	Signature	Date
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Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Environment, Regeneration and Streetscene Services Cabinet Board

9 February 2024

ACCESS TO MEETINGS/EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Purpose:	To consider whether the Public should be excluded from the following items of business.
Item (s):	Agenda Item 15 – Proposed Disposal of Residential Development Land at Blaenbaglan
Recommendation(s):	That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item(s) of business on the grounds that it/they involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as set out in the Paragraphs listed below of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007 subject to the Public Interest Test (where appropriate) being applied.
Relevant Paragraph(s):	14

1. Purpose of Report

To enable Members to consider whether the public should be excluded from the meeting in relation to the item(s) listed above.

Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007, allows a Principal Council to pass a resolution excluding the public from a meeting during an item of business.

Such a resolution is dependant on whether it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that if members of the public were present during that item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information, as defined in section 100I of the Local Government Act 1972.

2. Exclusion of the Public/Public Interest Test

In order to comply with the above mentioned legislation, Members will be requested to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the item(s) of business identified in the recommendation(s) to the report on the grounds that it/they involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as set out in the Exclusion Paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007.

Information which falls within paragraphs 12 to 15, 17 and 18 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended is exempt information if and so long as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

The specific Exclusion Paragraphs and the Public Interest Tests to be applied are listed in Appendix A.

Where paragraph 16 of the Schedule 12A applies there is no public interest test. Members are able to consider whether they wish to waive their legal privilege in the information, however, given that this may place the Council in a position of risk, it is not something that should be done as a matter of routine.

3. Financial Implications

Not applicable

4. Integrated Impact Assessment

Not applicable

5. Valleys Communities Impact

Not applicable

6. Workforce Impact

Not applicable.

7. Legal Implications

The legislative provisions are set out in the report.

Members must consider with regard to each item of business the following matters.

- (a) Whether in relation to that item of business the information is capable of being exempt information, because it falls into one of the paragraphs set out in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended and reproduced in Appendix A to this report.

and either

- (b) If the information does fall within one or more of paragraphs 12 to 15, 17 and 18 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended, the public interest test in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information; or
- (c) if the information falls within the paragraph 16 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 in considering whether to exclude the public members are not required to apply the public interest test by must consider whether they wish to waive their privilege in relation to that item for any reason.

8. Risk Management

To allow Members to consider risk associated with exempt information.

9. Recommendation(s)

As detailed at the start of the report.

10. Reason for Proposed Decision(s):

To ensure that all items are considered in the appropriate manner.

11. Implementation of Decision(s):

The decision(s) will be implemented immediately.

12. List of Background Papers:

Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

13. Appendices:

Appendix A – List of Exemptions

Appendix A

NO	Relevant Paragraphs in Schedule 12A
12	Information relating to a particular individual
13	Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual
14	Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
15	Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority
16	Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
17	Information which reveals that the authority proposes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person, or • To make an order or direction under any enactment.
18	Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

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