

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Streetscene & Engineering Cabinet Board

1st December 2017

Report of the Head of Streetcare

M. Roberts

Matter for Information

Wards Affected: Sandfields West, Sandfields East

Public Space Protection Order, Aberavon Beach

Purpose of Report

- 1 To inform Members of changes to legislation regarding the control of dogs at Aberavon Beach.

Executive Summary

- 2 The Council previously set in place two Dog Control Orders at Aberavon Beach. As a result of new legislation these Orders have automatically become Public Space Protection Orders ("PSPO's").

Background

- 3 Two existing Dog Control Orders for Aberavon Beach were made on 20th February 2013, and these in-turn superseded pre-existing byelaws for the seasonal control of dogs at Aberavon Beach.
- 4 One of the orders made it an offence to take or allow a dog onto the beach in front of the promenade from May to September. The other order made it an offence not to keep a dog on a lead on the promenade from May to September.
- 5 PSPO's were introduced by the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and replaced a range of different orders including: Designated Public Place Order; Gating Orders; and Dog Control Orders.

- 6 Orders in force on 20th October 2017 automatically became PSPO's. No action is therefore required to maintain in force the existing seasonal dog controls at Abervaon.
- 7 PSPO's have a duration of 3 years although at any point before expiry they can be extended for a further 3 years.
- 8 All aspects of dog control remain unchanged compared to the previous Dog Control Order. The fixed penalty remains at £75, which reduces to £50 if paid within 10 days.

Financial Impact

- 9 None

Equality Impact Assessment

- 10 Not applicable

Workforce Impact

- 11 None

Legal Impact

- 12 The change in legal order is a result of legislative change.

Risk Management

- 13 There are no risk management issues associated with this report.

Consultation

- 14 There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item and there is no requirement to consult where pre-existing Orders transfer to PSPOs.

Appendices

- 15 None

List of Background Papers

16 E & H Board Report 17th January 2013

17 Policy & Resources Cabinet Report of 3rd September 2015.

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