

CABINET – 13 NOVEMBER 2018

EXTRACT MINUTE

6. INTERIM REVIEW OF PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER - DOG CONTROL

The Cabinet considered a report by the Director (NE) (Reference 18/303) in respect of an interim review of the 2017 Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order. Introducing the report, the Portfolio Holder, Councillor Chatt noted how this interim review of the PSPO had been triggered by particular concerns around the expansion of the seasonal dog exclusion zone on Whitby beach for the 2018 season. The revised PSPO before Members had taken these concerns into account, but also, following further public consultation, proposed a series of amendments to previous restrictions, some in areas of play, which he felt needed further consideration. He therefore moved the recommendation in the report that the 2017 restriction for the Whitby beach area be reinstated reducing the area covered by a seasonal exclusion, but proposed that the rest of the recommendations be deferred pending further examination. Councillor Cockerill proposed a further recommendation that officers commence a review of all the bathing beaches in the Borough in relation to sources of pollution that may be preventing them achieving the Excellent status that was the aim of Yorkshire Water's investment programme of circa £100 million, and that the results and recommendations for action are submitted to Cabinet in the lifetime of the current administration. Other Cabinet Members supported these proposals noting the importance of the message that dog owners should pick up after their dogs.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet:

- (i) Instruct officers to commence a review of all the bathing beaches in the Borough in relation to sources of pollution that may be preventing them achieving the Excellent status that was the aim of Yorkshire Water's investment programme of circa £100 million, and that the results and recommendations for action are submitted to Cabinet in the lifetime of the current administration; and

Recommend that the Council:

- (ii) Approve the variation of the 2017 Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order ('the Order') that the 2017 restriction for the Whitby beach area be reinstated, subject to no challenge being made during the expiry of the statutory appeals process;
- (iii) Defer other proposed variations of the 2017 Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order pending further examination; and
- (iv) Approve a full consultation exercise on the entire Public Spaces Protection Order in Summer 2020, to include input from the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Board.

Reasons

To ensure the Authority's controls remain fair and proportionate and reflect both Council and the public's priorities.