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Subject: Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) - Dog Control Order

Meeting: Agenda Item 29.1. Full Council

Date: 26 May 2020

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Background/Introduction

The Town Council are in receipt of this consultation and an extension to the closing date has been agreed with ESC in order for this item to be considered, as Councillors requested, by Full Council.

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/environment/environmental-protection/animals/dog-control/public-space-protection-orders/dog-control-order-consultation/>

Details

The Town Council has no statutory powers for the enforcement of Dog Control Orders this is a function of the Environmental Health Authority (ESC).

After changes in the law in 2014, Dog Control Orders were made lawful and have to be renewed, with consultation as part of the renewal process, every three years. The existing order, for review, is for dogs to be on leads at the Triangle Market and the Great Eastern Linear Park.

Councillors have expressed interest in replacement signage at these locations and it is understood that this is possible but should be done in consultation with ESC to ensure the correct statutory wording is used. ESC currently display notices in both areas (as reported by ESC but to be confirmed by LTC with visits to sites)

There are currently three enforcement officers for the whole of East Suffolk who can issue fixed penalty notices of £80. They rely on reports from members of the public which need to be evidence before they take enforcement action.

Recommendations/Decision

A response is submitted regarding the Triangle Market and The Great Eastern Linear Park. The Town Council engages with ESC on the provision of orders (new and existing) for all of its public spaces as Andrew Reynolds, Environmental Protection Manager has readily offered.