

LICENSING AND REGULATORY (URGENT REFERRALS) COMMITTEE

**MEETING HELD AT THE REMOTE MEETING
ON 4 NOVEMBER 2020**

PRESENT: Councillor John Kelly (in the Chair)
Councillors Keith and Friel

6. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Brenda O'Brien.

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of any disclosable pecuniary interests or personal interests were received.

8. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 July 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

9. PROPOSED PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER - DOG CONTROL

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Highways and Public Protection relating to a draft Public Space Protection Order – Dog Control (PSPO), under the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014.

The report provided information concerning dog control and an overview of the public consultation on proposed additional dog control measures through a proposed new Public Space Protection Order.

Mr. Steve Smith, Environmental Health and Trading Standards Manager presented the report and answered questions thereon.

Members of the Committee requested and agreed that the restriction to the length of dog lead being no more than 2.0 metres, be set out within the recommendations to Council, as detailed below.

RESOLVED: That

(1) Council be requested to give its approval for the proposed Public Space Protection Order – Dog Control as detailed in 1, 2 and 3 below:

1. that the requirements / restriction previously

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contained within the Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council Public Space Protection Order – Dog Control 2017 (PSPO – dog control 2017) be included within the proposed new Public Space Protection Order:

- i. offence of not removing dog's fouling forthwith
 - ii. restrict the number of dogs that can be walked by one person to a maximum of 6;
 - iii. prohibit dogs from entering enclosed playgrounds;
 - iv. prohibit dogs from entering marked or fenced sports pitches during specified periods;
 - v. dogs to be kept on a lead of not more than 2.0 metres in length within defined picnic sites and family areas;
 - vi. dogs to be kept on a lead of not more than 2.0 metres in length within all public roads and footways;
 - vii. dogs to be kept on a lead of not more than 2.0 metres in length within all cemeteries and crematoria;
 - viii. dogs to be placed on a lead of not more than 2.0 metres in length when directed by an authorised officer to prevent a nuisance or behaviour likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to the public;
 2. the following additional requirement / restriction be included within the proposed PSPO:
 - i. Dogs to be kept on leads of not more than 2.0 metres in length within unfenced (open) playgrounds;
 3. that the following requirements / restrictions are not included within the proposed PSPO:
 - i. dogs to be kept on leads of not more than 2.0 metres in length within a golf course; and
 - ii. dogs to be kept on a lead of not more than 2.0 metres in length on the beach; and
- (2) officers be commended for their diligence and hard work in conducting the consultation process for the PSPO – Dog Control, given the restrictions caused by the outbreak of the Covid-19 virus in March 2020.