

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS**

**1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

- 1.1 To update Cabinet on strengthening of the Public Space Protection Order.
- 1.2 To update Cabinet on the One Council Enforcement transformation.

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

2.1 North Lincolnshire Council introduced a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) in October 2021 to enable the council to take measures to reduce anti-social behaviour across the county.

2.2 The PSPO enables the council to tackle anti-social behaviour alongside existing powers and enables the council to support and protect vulnerable communities by targeting those who continue to be involved in anti-social behaviour. The Council promotes a zero-tolerance approach to nuisance.

2.3 If any person fails to comply with the requirements of the PSPO, they are committing a criminal offence and, in most cases, it will be dealt with by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN).

2.4 The Council is committed to reviewing the implementation of a revised PSPO, by October 2024, this has progressed with an early review being undertaken on 4 priority areas including: Open Water, Begging, Cycling, and consuming alcohol in public areas.

2.5 A public consultation commenced on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and will conclude on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023. All comments will be analysed and considered before a final decision is made on the proposed changes to strengthen the PSPO for North Lincolnshire.

2.6 The transformation of a #OneCouncil enforcement offer supported by PSPO pathways has been designed alongside a new training programme which will lead to an increase in capacity and capability to deliver enforcement across North Lincolnshire.

2.7 During the last 6 months, substantial progress has been made around FPN enforcement action against environmental and PSPO Anti-Social behaviour, with in excess of 1000 FPNs being issued. This will be enhanced

as the PSPO is strengthened and the #OneCouncil transformation is delivered.

### **3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

3.1 The report is for information only.

### **4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

4.1 Not Applicable

### **5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)**

5.1 The work outlined in the report is being undertaken within existing financial and staffing resources.

### **6. OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS (e.g. CRIME AND DISORDER, EQUALITIES, COUNCIL PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL, RISK etc.)**

6.1 This work will strengthen the ability for PSPO's to take action against Anti-Social behaviour, enhancing our approach to deal with Crime and Disorder. The work will positively impact on the Council plan priorities. delivery of the Litter Plan and the Green Futures Agendas.

### **7. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)**

7.1 An integrated impact assessment has been completed and the outcomes identified are positive in relation to individuals/community and area/place.

### **8. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED**

8.1 Partnerships with Police, Fire & Rescue and Doncaster LA Support agree and are aligned with the proposed new approach, including a shared consistent pathway of enforcement and training.

### **9. RECOMMENDATIONS**

9.1 That Cabinet note the progress in re-defining the Public Space Protection Order for North Lincolnshire.

9.2 That Cabinet receive a further report following the conclusion of the consultation to approve the implementation of the revised NL Public Space Protection Order in May 2023.

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**Background Papers used in the preparation of this report - Nil**