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Called in

Yes/No

THE THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION OF CABINET

Cabinet Member

Councillor Keen, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods

Relevant Portfolio:

Community Safety

Date of Decision:

19 October 2023

Subject:

Extension to the Public Space Protection Order for Dog Control

Key Decision

Yes

In Forward Plan

Yes

Brief summary of matter:

The purpose of this report is to recommend that the Council exercises its powers as contained within the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime & Policing Act 2014 to extend the current Dog PSPO for a further 3 years.

Decision made:

Cabinet agreed:

1. That the Current PSPO is extended for a further 3 years until 2026;
2. To delegate any minor amendment of the PSPO to the Chief Executive.

Reasons for decision:

PSPOs are a valuable tool to allow councils and partners to tackle behaviours that can have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality. The Thanet dog PSPO which has been in place since 2017 is an important aspect in maintaining quality of cleanliness on Thanet's beaches, and protection of our coastline, cemeteries and playgrounds. The order has helped protect the diversity of bird populations and wildlife at Pegwell Bay. The current PSPO is effective and should therefore continue unchanged.

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

- To amend the recommendations and then approve them. This alternative was not considered suitable as the restriction of activities is proportionate to the issues presented.
- To reject the proposed order and recommendations. This alternative was not considered suitable as the application for the order meets the legal and consultative requirements.

Details of any conflict of interest declared by any executive Member who has been consulted and of any dispensation granted by the Standards Committee:

None

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Background papers

DRAFT Dog PSPO Extension CMT_ Cabinet Report - Google Docs
2020DogPublicSpaceProtectionOrder
BeachCriteriaandExplanatoryNotes
1021PSPOguidance061

Statement if decision is an urgent one and therefore not subject to call-in:

None

Last date for call in: 27 October 2023