

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE URGENT DECISIONS HELD ON MONDAY, 31ST JULY, 2017, 11am

PRESENT:

Councillors: Eugene Ayisi

9. FILMING AT MEETINGS

Noted.

10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

11. TO SEEK APPROVAL TO EXTEND THE PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER IN THE SEVEN SISTERS AREA [ST ANN'S AND TOTTENHAM GREEN WARDS]

Councillor Ayisi considered the report which presented the findings of the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) consultation and sought approval of the extension of the PSPO to 31st July 2020 or discharge the PSPO as of 31 July 2017.

A report was presented to Cabinet on 23 March 2017, informing Members that the PSPO which came into force in the Seven Sisters area in 2016 would have to be discharged as of 31 July 2017, unless approval was given to extend the time period. Cabinet agreed that the proposal to extend the PSPO should be taken to public consultation, and an online questionnaire was commenced and ran for 8 weeks from 13 April to 7 June 2017. There were 26 online questionnaires completed, with 92% of respondents agreeing to an extension of the PSPO for a further 3 years.

RESOLVED that

- i) based on the evidence presented to the Cabinet Member on 23 March 2017, and the subsequent public consultation, the Public Spaces Protection Order due to expire on 31 July 2017 be extended for a further 3 years to 31 July 2020.**

Reasons for decision

In accordance with the statutory guidelines the Council consulted with the Chief Officer of the police as well as the local policing body for the affected areas, and they have confirmed their agreement to the extension of the PSPO.

In addition a public consultation was carried out to ascertain the views of local residents, business and people working or visiting the affected area.

The public consultation involved an on line questionnaire with one key question

Do you agree with the Public Spaces Protection Order being extended? With the option to provide details of any objections to the extension or any further comments on the extension.

Although the number of questionnaires completed were significantly less than the previous consultation; there was however diversity amongst the respondents. The outcome demonstrated an overwhelming support for the extension of the PSPO, which now together with previously circulated evidence and previous evidence of support for the PSPO, forms the basis to approve extending the PSPO to 31st July 2020. The methodology and outcome of the public consultation can be found at Appendix 4.

The PSPO will lapse on 31st July 2017 if not extended. The extension is necessary to prevent occurrence or recurrence of the activities identified in the Order, and/or an increase in the frequency or seriousness of those activities after that time.

Alternative options considered

Not to extend the PSPO. Given community feedback over many years, the ASB being caused, the results of the most recent Consultation (2017) and results of the previous consultation in 2016, this option is not considered appropriate.

A discharge of the order on 31 July 2017 would be contrary to the obtained public view and would undermine the good work that has taken place to date . This is a historical problem spanning several years, which has only just begun to lessen through the presence of the PSPO. A discharge of the PSPO on 31 July 2017 , would undoubtedly give rise to the return of the problems within the locality to the levels previously experienced, to the detriment of the local community.

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair

Date