

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CABINET MEMBER SIGNING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER, 2017, 10.30 am

PRESENT:

Councillors: Eugene Ayisi (Chair)

172. FILMING AT MEETINGS

Noted

173. URGENT BUSINESS

None

174. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

175. PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDERS TO REPLACE EXISTING DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACE ORDERS AND DOG CONTROL ORDERS

Councillor Ayisi considered, after a brief discussion, the report seeking approval of a continuation of the Council's Designated Public Place Orders and Dog Control Orders as by law these will automatically convert to Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) on the 20th October 2017. The PSPOs will be treated as if the provisions of the existing orders were provisions of a PSPO made under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

RESOLVED

The Cabinet Member for Communities approved the continuation of all of the Council's Designated Public Place Orders (DPPOs) and Dog Control Orders (DCOs) as Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) for a period of 3 years from 20th October 2017.

REASONS FOR DECISION

Whilst the existing terms of DPPOs and DCOs will convert to PSPOs automatically on 20th October 2017, the Act is silent as to their duration and there therefore needs to be clarity as to their continued need and how long they should last, for which a decision is required. Since October 2014 when part 4 of the 2014 Act came into force, it has no longer been possible to make any new DPPOs or DCOs. For this reason, it is essential that the areas covered by existing DPPOs are converted to PSPOs to

enable the continuation of enforcement in regards to nuisance caused by irresponsible drinking and dog control.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

To allow the existing DPPOs and DCOs to become PSPOs without clarification as to their duration or review as to the need for their continuation. However, this option was not considered appropriate as this approach would create uncertainty and possibly confusion.

176. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014 - REQUEST TO COMMENCE PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER CONSULTATION

Councillor Ayisi considered, after a brief discussion, the report seeking approval for a consultation regarding anti-social behaviour on the Love Lane Estate. The issue of drug dealing and drug misuse has worsened over the last year due to the increased numbers of rough sleepers many are dependent on either heroin or crack cocaine. Some of the women who are rough sleeping have engaged in sex work within the blocks or on estate roads to support their drug habit. There has been urination and defecation on the stairwells which has necessitated increased cleaning by estate service staff. In addition to this, young men have been loitering on the upper stairwells smoking marijuana during the early afternoon into the late evening. All these behaviours are having a detrimental effect on the lives of those living on the estate.

RESOLVED

The Cabinet Member for Communities approved for consultation the draft Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) as contained in Appendix 2. The consultation will commence in accordance with section 72 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act, with consultation to run for a period of eight weeks.

REASONS FOR DECISION

The Council and partner agencies have undertaken a number of enforcement actions to tackle the anti-social behaviour on the estate, further details will be provided later in the report. A number of partly successful actions have been taken against individuals to prohibit them from entering the estate but this has not resolved the issues. A PSPO will provide a long term solution to the problems that residents experience on a daily basis. It will also provide to the police an additional enforcement tool to tackle persistent anti-social behaviour on the estate and will help break the cycle of anti-social behaviour which is having a detrimental effect on the lives of residents.

The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing legislation allows the use of penalties such as Fixed Penalty Notices and prosecution. In order to support the legislation targeted and sustained enforcement will be used by partners including both the Metropolitan Police, Northumberland Park Policing Team, Homes for Haringey, ASBAT, Home Office Immigration Enforcement Team and Tactical Enforcement. Assistance in gathering evidence can be provided through the Regeneration Team, Estate Service Officers and Community Champions who live on the estate. There will

continue to be a cost to the council if enforcement action is taken but no cost where the decision to prosecute is undertaken by the police.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Not to pursue a PSPO. Given the length of time that the behaviour has been ongoing and the detrimental effect the behaviour is having on the residents Of Love Lane this is not considered a viable option.

177. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

None

CHAIR: Councillor Eugene Ayisi

Signed by Chair

Date