



Environment & Community Scrutiny Committee 29 June 2023

Decisions

5. Review of Public Spaces Protection Order for Dog Control

The Committee endorsed the recommendations.

The Executive Councillor:

- i. Approved the extension and variations of the Order as set out in Appendix A of the Officer's report excluding Hobson Park.
- ii. Approved the geographical areas covered by the Order, as indicated in the maps at Appendix B of the Officer's report excluding Hobson Park.
- iii. Delegated to authorised officers' the authority to install, update and/or remove signage appropriate to the approved Order.
- iv. Increased the fixed penalty notice amount for breach of the Order to £100 (with a reduced amount of £60 for early payment).

6. Cambridge City Centre Heat Network: Detailed Project Development

The Committee endorsed the recommendations.

The Executive Councillor:

- i. Provided 'in-principle' approval to use up to £180,000 of the Council's Climate Change Fund for match-funding of the next phase of Detailed Project Development, subject to a satisfactory outcome from the feasibility study; a successful second government Heat Network Delivery Unit grant application; confirmation of a match-funding contribution from the University of Cambridge, clarification of additional expected resourcing requirements and sources and approval from the Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources.
- ii. Approved delegated authority to the Assistant Chief Executive (as heat network Project Sponsor) to make the final decision in consultation with the Executive Councillor, chair of Environment and Communities Scrutiny Committee and opposition spokes, once the Feasibility Study is completed in summer 2023.
- iii. Noted the potential requirement for a further additional council and partner investment in technical assessment, at a later date, subject to exploration of alternative sources of funding (see section on risks and mitigations on pages 9-11 of the Officer's report).

7. PSPO (Touting) 2016

The Committee endorsed the recommendations.

The Executive Councillor:

- i. Extended the PSPO for a period of 3 years on the grounds of:
 - a. Consultation feedback highlighting concerns about nuisance re-occurring if the order was discharged
 - b. Support from residents and businesses, including punt operators, for the continuation of the PSPO
 - c. The need to address the disparity between low reporting to the council and ongoing community concerns about prohibited behaviours. It was proposed that updated signage was put in place to make clearer how people can report punt touting in the prohibited areas.
- ii. Increased the Fixed Penalty Notice issued for breaches of the order from £75 to £100, so that it was in line with all other Fixed

Penalty Notices issued by Cambridge City Council as outlined in section 3.17 – 3.25 of the Officer's report.

8. Single Equality Scheme Annual Report 2022/23

The Committee endorsed the recommendations.

The Executive Councillor:

- i. Noted the progress in delivering equalities actions during 2022/23 (full details set out in Appendix A of the Officer's report).
- ii. Approved the new actions proposed for delivery during 2023/24 (set out in Appendix B of the Officer's report).

9. Anti-Poverty Strategy Annual Report 2022/23

The Committee endorsed the recommendations.

The Executive Councillor:

- i. Noted the progress in delivering actions to reduce poverty in Cambridge during 2022/23 (as set out at 4.1 in the Officer's report and in the full APS annual report at Appendix A)
- ii. Noted the activities that were delivered during 2022/23 to support residents with the rising cost of living (as set out at 4.2 in the Officer's report and in the full APS annual report at Appendix A).

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