

ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

IMPLICATIONS/CONSULTATIONS

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives:	<p>Priority 1 – Improve the health and wellbeing of our communities</p> <p>Priority 2 – Enhance the quality of people's lives</p>
Consultation:	<p>A consultation has been carried out with residents, partners and appropriate community representatives as per the requirements of the legislation.</p>
Legal:	<p>Where PSPOs are varied, extended or discharged, there is a further requirement for publicity within the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (Publication of Public Spaces Protection Orders) Regulations.</p> <p>These require that where a local authority has made a PSPO, they must publish it on their website and erect such notices as it considers sufficient to advise members of the public that the PSPO has been made and the effect of such an order.</p>
Financial:	<p>The income level from fines and fixed penalty notices are not anticipated to be large as the majority of people respond to informal action. (typically under £500 per annum). Any income is used to support the service.</p> <p>Signs/stickers shall be erected/altered advising of the new restrictions. On East Herts land this will cost in the region of £500 and will be met from existing budgets. Where parish land is included, parish councils will be given the opportunity to purchase signs from EHC if required.</p>
Human	<p>There are no human resource issues as this is</p>

Resource:	<p>generally a continuation of existing enforcement powers. The restructure of Operations section in 2018 has increased capability for environmental enforcement. The new team is now fully staffed and it is anticipated that it be able to carry our more patrols in relation to both dog fouling & litter over the spring and summer period.</p> <p>The addition of land owner by parishes should not create additional workload for the team, as this is a minor addition and it is expected that any education and intelligence gathering of offenders is collected by the parishes themselves.</p>
Risk Management:	<p>Failure to approve the variation and extension of the current order would remove an important tool to enforce dog fouling legislation and seriously limit the opportunity to improve public satisfaction with this service.</p>
Health and wellbeing – issues and impacts:	<p>The implementation of a Public Spaces Protection Orders provides local authorities tools to address specific problems to improve quality of life. Therefore approving the extension and variation of the 2016 Order will address these. The discharge of the ASB restrictions described in the report, will likely have no adverse impact on health and wellbeing as there are a range of other measures to deal with individuals involved in ASB that can be more effective and targeted in terms of addressing the identified problems (as outlined in paragraph 2.5 of the report).</p>
Equality Impact Assessment required:	<p>No</p>