

CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY SAFETY

RECORD OF DECISIONS of the Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety held on Wednesday 7 November 2018 at 4pm at the Guildhall, Portsmouth

Present

Councillor Dave Ashmore
George Fielding
Gemma New

15. Apologies for Absence

No apologies had been received.

16. Declaration of Members' Interests

No interests were declared.

17. Animal Welfare Licensing

Richard Lee, Regulatory Services Manager introduced the report and in response to questions explained that approximately 12 pet day-boarders had contacted his team to express concern about the possible impact of the legislation changes. He has requested guidance from DEFRA and will advise these businesses as soon it is has been received.

Councillor Ashmore was pleased to note that animal welfare had been put first.

DECISIONS

Councillor Ashmore:

- 1) Acknowledged the increased animal welfare licencing related demands placed on available resources as set out in Section 7 and 8 of this report, and the impact of forthcoming changes to governmental regulatory requirements as set out within Section 7;**
- 2) Approved the continuation of a demand based approach to the statutory regulatory inspection of licenced animal related businesses and an approach in line with the Council's Enforcement policy in response to breaches of animal welfare related legislation as set out in Appendix 1;**
- 3) Approved the continuation of the fees and charges currently levied as set out in section 7, Table 1.**

18. Public Spaces Protection Order (Dog Controls)

David Evans, Leisure & Sports Facilities Manager introduced the report.

There were no questions.

Councillor Ashmore was pleased to note that a good level of consultation had been carried out.

DECISION

The Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety agreed:

- 1) **The two proposed variations to the existing PSPO in the following terms:**
 - **To exclude dogs on the beach between the Royal Marine statue known as the 'Yomper' and Southsea Castle, between 30th April - 30th September (previously 31st March)**
 - **To exclude dogs on the beach at Hot Walls 30th April - 30th September (previously 31st March).**
 - 2) **That the PSPO be varied and approved in the terms shown attached (appendix 1) to continue to assist with the enforcement of dog fouling offences and dog controls.**
 - 3) **That the PSPO be enforced by the Safe, Clean and Tidy team within the Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services in the same way as for the previous Order. This directorate will be responsible for the administration of all fines and any subsequent prosecutions.**
 - 4) **That costs for any changes to signage notifications and other statutory notices be from within cash limits.**
19. **Proposal to incorporate glass into the waste disposal service contract**
Colette Hill, Assistant Director of Neighbourhoods, Property and Housing introduced the report. In response to a question she explained that this is a change to the behind scenes processes and that the location of the banks was constantly reviewed.

DECISION

The Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety approved that PCC agrees with partners to incorporate glass processing into the waste disposal service contract with Veolia Environmental Services.

20. **Forward Plan Omission**

DECISION

The Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety noted the forward plan omission.

21. **Ratification and update on waste management policy and rollout of wheeled bins for refuse to retain the weekly refuse collection**

Colette Hill, Assistant Director for Assistant Director of Neighbourhoods, Property and Housing introduced the report.

In response to questions, she clarified the following points:

- **As stated in section 2.6 of the policy, exceptions may be permitted during the Christmas period. The trials included two Christmas periods; there was no collection in the first year and during the second, an extra two bags were permitted upon request. It is important that residents continue to recycle as much as possible throughout the year. The collection dates for the Christmas period will be widely publicised.**
- **Extra recycling material can be put next to the green bin if it is full.**

- Residents are asked to break down cardboard packaging to fit in the bin.
- There is not a massive recycling market for plastics.
- Small electrical items can be put on top of the green bin in a carrier/ paper bag.
- Work is being carried out to extend the range of items that can be recycled.
- There is no limit on the number of bags that can fit into the new waste bins, provided that the lid closes.

Councillor Ashmore was pleased to note that a thorough Equalities Impact Assessment had been carried out and that there is an assisted delivery available for residents who might struggle to move their bins due to having a disability.

DECISIONS

The Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety noted:

- 1) The outcomes of the weekly wheeled bins and weekly bin bag trials and approves the strategy for retaining weekly refuse collections whilst increasing recycling rates**
- 2) The progress of the rollout and approves changes to the waste management policy**

The meeting concluded at 5.15pm.

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Councillor Dave Ashmore