



# MINUTES

## Operational Management Committee

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| <b>Date:</b>                      | Monday, 23 August 2021                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Venue:</b>                     | Town Hall, St Annes.                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Committee Members Present:</b> | Councillor Roger Small (Chairman)<br>Councillor John Kirkham (Vice-Chairman)<br><br>Councillors Mark Bamforth via remote access, Karen Buckley, Chris Dixon, Shirley Green, Paul Hodgson, Bobby Rigby, Stan Trudgill. |
| <b>Other Councillors Present:</b> | Councillor David O'Rourke                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Officers Present:</b>          | Allan Oldfield, Ian Curtis and Hannah Kirk.                                                                                                                                                                           |

### Public Platform

There were no speakers on this occasion.

#### 1. Declarations of Interest

Members were reminded that any disclosable pecuniary interests should be declared as required by the Localism Act 2011 and any personal or prejudicial interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct for Members.

#### 2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Operational Management Committee meeting held on 14 July 2021 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

#### 3. Substitute Members

The following substitutions were reported under Council procedure rule 23 (c):

Councillor Karen Buckley substituted for Councillor Michelle Morris.

Councillor Shirley Green substituted for Councillor Viv Willder.

### Decision Items

#### 4. Variation of Public Spaces Protection Orders for Enforcement of Dog Control

The Chairman, Councillor Small, introduced the report regarding a variation of public spaces protection orders (PSPOs) for the enforcement of dog control under the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014.

He advised that incidents of protected wildlife or dogs being attacked by dogs not on a lead had led to a request for members of the Committee to consider whether the PSPOs should be reviewed via a 6-week consultation, which would see dogs required to always be on leads in the areas listed.

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Members were in agreement that particular care should be taken with regards to the wording of the consultation, and that the introduction of the document should include a clear explanation as to why the public were being consulted on this issue.

Further to the above, the Chairman referred to paragraph 11 in the report, which sought to consult members of the public on limiting the number of dogs a person can walk on a lead at once to 4. The majority of members of the Committee agreed that the initial issue should be prioritised on this occasion.

It was RESOLVED:

1. That the Committee was minded to make changes to the PSPOs to change Ashton Gardens, Lowther Gardens, Fairhaven Lake and (insofar as it is not already the case) the Promenade and Promenade Gardens to “dogs on lead” areas, rather than “dogs on lead by request” areas.
2. To delegate authority to the Director of Resources to carry out the necessary consultation, publicity and notification for the following:
  - a. Varying the existing PSPO that requires dogs to be placed on a lead when requested by an authorised officer to do so by (i) adding Ashton Gardens, Lowther Gardens and Fairhaven Lake to schedule 1 (“places where this order does not apply”) and (ii) Moving Promenade Gardens and Promenade from schedule 2 (“places where this order does not apply at certain time of the year”) to schedule 1 (“places where this order does not apply”);
  - b. Making new PSPOs for each of Ashton Gardens, Lowther Gardens and Fairhaven Lake requiring dogs to be always kept on a lead; and
  - c. Varying the existing PSPO that requires dogs in the Promenade and Promenade Gardens to be kept on a lead to apply all year round, and not just between Good Friday and September 30.
3. To delegate authority to the Director of Resources to vary and make the orders as set out above if there are no substantive representations as a result of the consultation and publicity.

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