

Decision Session - Executive Leader (Incorporating Housing & Safer Neighbourhoods)

Monday, 20 June 2016

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Decision Session Executive Leader (Incorporating Housing & Safer Neighbourhoods) held on Monday, 20 June 2016. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

Members are reminded that, should they wish to call in a decision, notice must be given to Democratic Services no later than 4pm on Wednesday 22 June 2016.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Judith Betts.

3. Acomb Green - Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) Consultation Outcome

Resolved: Option 1 be approved and that a PSPO within Acomb Green be introduced to include:

- Banning the drinking of alcohol
- The ability to remove large groups of 3 or more people who are causing anti social behaviour (ASB)
- Banning under 16's from the possession of lighters in the play area
- Setting the amount of any Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) at £100, which would be reduced to £75 if paid within the first 14 days.

Reason: To ensure that the council actively addresses the issue of anti-social behaviour in our communities.

4. West Bank Park - Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) Consultation Outcome

Resolved: That Option 1 be approved and the introduction of a PSPO within West Bank cover:

- Banning motorised bikes
- Banning drinking alcohol in the park
- The ability to remove large groups of 3 or more people who are causing anti social behaviour (ASB)
- A requirement that dogs are kept on a lead between 8.00am and 6.00pm
- Setting the amount of any Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) at £100, which would be reduced to £75 if paid within the first 14 days.

Reason: To ensure that the council actively addresses the issue of anti-social behaviour in our communities.

5. Proposed Changes to the Traveller Pitch Agreement

Resolved: That Option 1 be approved, to consult the travellers who live on the City of York Council sites or who are on the waiting list on the following changes;

- The introduction of flexible tenancy start dates.
- Insert a section regarding Non payment of rent.
- To add a paragraph with regards to the keeping of dogs on the travellers pitch in particular naming the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 and the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976
- To add several minor changes to strengthen the Travellers Pitch agreement, these are listed on Annex 1 numbers 3.18 to 6.

Reason: To ensure consistency, as far as is practicable, across the different agreements that are issued in housing services.

6. Granting of additional powers for the Neighbourhood Enforcement Team and changes to existing Fixed Penalty Notice Charges

Resolved: That Option 1 be approved to:

- Grant the power for issue of an FPN for low level fly-tipping with a penalty of £400, reduced to £240 for early repayment.
- Grant the power to issue an FPN for advertising for sale two or more vehicles within 500m of each other or repairing vehicles on the public highway, with a penalty of £100, reduced to £75 for early repayment.
- Grant the power to enforce the Micro-chipping of Dogs (England) Regulations 2015 when related to incidents of anti-social behaviour.
- Raise the FPN charge for dog fouling to £75.
- Introduce an early repayment charge of £75 for breach of Community Protection Notice.

Reason: Additional powers have been requested as a result of a review of offences commonly reported to the team against the enforcement powers available to address them. This is to ensure the team have all the necessary enforcement powers at their disposal. The FPN for small scale fly tipping is a new power, made available to local authorities from May 2016.