
Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Housing, Planning and Safer Communities
Date	13 November 2024
Present	Councillor Pavlovic
Officers in Attendance	James Gilchrist - Director of Environment, Transport and Planning Tanya Lyon – Community Safety Manager

10. Declarations of Interest (10:01am)

The Executive Member was asked to declare, at this point in the meeting, any disclosable pecuniary interests, or other registerable interests he might have in the respect of business on the agenda, if he had not already done so in advance on the Register of Interests. None were declared.

11. Minutes (10:01am)

Resolved: That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 September 2024 be approved and then signed as a correct record by the Executive Member.

12. Public Participation (10:01am)

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

13. Proposal to Introduce a Citywide Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to cover: Street Urination and Defecation, Dog Fouling and Control (10:02am)

The report was presented by the Community Safety Manager, who explained what a PSPO was and why this had been proposed.

The Executive Member noted the contents of the report, thanking and praising the staff at York BID and CYC who clean up the mess resulting from antisocial behaviour.

The Executive Member agreed with officer recommendations that on-the-spot enforcement was the best way forward, and asked who would be undertaking this enforcement. The Community Safety Manager answered that CYC had a good working relationship with the North Yorkshire Police force, and they would take statements and could issue Fixed Penalty Notices. The Executive Member agreed that working closely with police via a proportionate process was the best course of action.

The Executive Member asked about scale and timeliness of the consultation; the Community Safety Manager advised that consultees such as the Police Chief Constable and the Deputy Mayor as well as individual ward councillors would need to be consulted, and the consultation period would be eight weeks. The Executive Member suggested that due to the preelection period at the time of the decision session, it would be sensible to start consultation from 1 December 2024, and the Community Safety Manager agreed.

The Executive Member requested that the gratitude of the Executive – including the Executive Member personally, the Local Authority and the city be reflected back to those dealing with cleansing the mess. He also wished to emphasise that advancing this Protection Order was not about imposing a punitive regime but about changing behaviour to improve the city.

Resolved: To approve Option 1, which is to proceed to the consultation stage of the process.

Reason: This will allow for a full evidence-base to be developed, providing a robust basis for a decision to be made in respect to adoption of the PSPO.

Cllr M. Pavlovic, Chair

[The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 10.14 am].