

Blaby District Council
Council

Date of Meeting	16 September 2025
Title of Report	Public Spaces Protection Order – Dogs Renewal This is not a Key Decision and is on the Forward Plan
Lead Member	Cllr. Les Phillimore - Housing, Community Safety and Environmental Services
Report Author	Environmental Health Manager
Strategic Themes	Enhancing and maintaining our natural and built environment

1. What is this report about?

- 1.1 To seek approval to renew the Public Spaces Protection Order for dogs as the current Order expires in November 2025.

2. Recommendation(s) to Council

- 2.1 To approve The Public Spaces Protection Order - (Blaby District Council) 2025 – (Appendix A).
- 2.2 To determine that the Public Spaces Protection Order - (Blaby District Council) 2025 will come into force on 21 November 2025
- 2.3 To delegate authority to the Environmental Services Group Manager in consultation with the portfolio holder to make future minor amendments to the PSPO.

3. Reason for Decisions Recommended

- 3.1 To renew the current Public Space Protection Order to allow continued enforcement of dog related offences across the district.
- 3.2 To allow minor amendments to be made to the Public Space Protection Order without need for Cabinet approval.

4. Matters to consider

4.1 Background

Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) were introduced as part of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and came into force in 2016. They allow Local Authorities to impose rules to tackle anti-social behaviour that could impact the quality of life of a community.

The Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in relation to dog control covers three areas, dog fouling, use of leads and areas where dogs are excluded. The aim is to ensure owners are mindful of their responsibilities to ensure a clean, safe and pleasant environment for everyone to enjoy. Breaches of the Order can lead to Fixed Penalty Notices being served for fines of up to £100.

The PSPO in relation to dogs was introduced in May 2016. The PSPO is valid for 3 years and is reviewed close to its expiry to ensure it is compliant and still relevant. The PSPO was varied in November 2016, November 2019 and November 2022.

Since the introduction of the PSPO in 2019 the Senior Animal Services Officer has worked to deliver campaigns with regard to dog fouling. This has focussed on education, empowered local councils and focussed on delivery of anti fouling messages including signage and stencil provision.

An Order once made lasts for 3 years, the last Order that the Council made was in November 2022 as such it is appropriate to consult and determine if a renewal is appropriate.

4.2 Proposal(s)

The proposal is to renew controls within the PSPO for a further 3 years in line with legislative requirements.

4.3 Relevant Consultations

The proposed renewal was subject to a consultation process involving an online survey for the public. The majority of the consultation responses supported the renewal of the PSPO in its current form, on that basis the proposal is to renew the Order in the same form with no amendments. Whilst some feedback was received regarding increasing the amount of the Fixed Penalty Notice, the current amount is considered to be an appropriate level in terms of deterrent and penalty and is appropriate in terms of recovery.

The consultation was available via the Councils website for 6 weeks and was circulated to Parish Councils.

Significant Issues

There are no significant issues.

5. Environmental impact

- 5.1 If the PSPO is approved there will be an improved environmental impact as a reduction in dog fouling may be achieved.

6. What will it cost and are there opportunities for savings?

- 6.1 Any additional cost can be met within existing budgets.

7. What are the risks and how can they be reduced?

7.1

Current Risk	Actions to reduce the risks
Lack of effective enforcement if PSPO is allowed to lapse	Renew current PSPO for a further 3 years in line with legislation
Overzealous or unreasonable enforcement of the PSPO	Implementation of a training programme for officers and partner agencies to ensure that enforcement is reasonable and proportionate.
PSPO lapses after 3 years	A review process should be timetabled to ensure that the PSPO is assessed and amended as necessary towards the end of the life of the PSPO.

8. Other options considered

- 8.1 Not renewing PSPO in line with legislation would remove all enforcement for dog control across the district in respect of fouling and nuisance dogs.

9. Appendix

- 9.1 Appendix A – The Public Spaces Protection Order (Blaby District Council) 2025

10. Background paper(s)

- 10.1. Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 -
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/12/contents/enacted>
- 10.2 Cabinet Executive Report (Public Space Protection Order – Dogs)
21st March 2016
- 10.3 Cabinet Executive Report (Public Space Protection Order Variation – Dogs)
7th November 2016
- 10.4 Council Report (Public Spaces Protection Order – Dogs)
19 November 2019
- 10.5 Council Report (Public Spaces Protection Order Renewal – Dogs)
20 September 2022

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