


DECISIONS DELEGATED TO OFFICERS

Decision title:	Parks Public Spaces Protection Order
Decision date:	4 August 2021
Source of delegation:	<p>Constitution Part 4.9:</p> <p>Cabinet will adopt Public Spaces Protection Orders that geographically include the whole local authority area. In respect of other PSPOs, following consultation with the Cabinet Member responsible for community safety and the ward members, the Chief Executive, an Assistant Chief Executive or an Executive Director can adopt and publish Public Spaces Protection Orders. All of the statutory requirements for the making of an order must be satisfied. Any proposal for a PSPO covering two or more Council wards must be treated as a Key Decision.</p>
What decision was made?	<p>To adopt a public spaces protection order (PSPO) covering four areas of the city with the aim of addressing anti-social behaviour in parks and green spaces. The areas are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Park • Angel and Greyhound Meadow • Rivermead Nature Reserve • Port Meadow, Burgess Field and Wolvercote Common.
Purpose:	The introduction of a Public Spaces Protection Order in four areas of the city is intended to address anti-social behaviour such as fires and bottle digging.
Reasons:	<p>To address the damage and destruction of habitat caused by fires and barbeques in some parks and green spaces in the city. Data supplied by Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service identified four areas with higher levels of secondary fire call-outs. These were South Park, Angel and Greyhound Meadow, Rivermead Nature Reserve and Port Meadow/Wolvercote Common/Burgess Field. A consultation survey ran from 6th to 28th June 2021. Respondents' feedback strongly identified the link between log fire and barbeques with discarded litter which can be dangerous to people and animals. Others reflected on the need to have barbeque facilities in popular areas to help minimise damage and provide outdoor experiences for those without gardens.</p>
Decision made by:	<p>Paul Leo, Director of Housing</p> 

	Decision taken in consultation with Cllr Louise Upton, Cabinet Member for Safer, Healthy Oxford
Other options considered:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduce a Parks PSPO to provide a legally enforceable restriction on relevant behaviours – preferred option. 2. Landowners or managing agents introduce signage restricting relevant behaviours. This is legally enforceable through alternative legislation if the behaviour meets the relevant legal test. There are difficulties with this approach in identifying a person, and it can allow people to perpetrate a number of incidents prior to enforcement. 3. Provide barbeque facilities and bin capacity in suitable locations.
Documents considered:	Report of the Community Safety Service Manager, 27 July 2021
Key or Not Key:	Key
Wards significantly affected:	St. Clement's Holywell Rose Hill & Iffley Osney & St Thomas Summertown Wolvercote
Declared conflict of interest:	None
This form was completed by: Name & title: Date:	Andrew Brown Committee and Member Services Manager 04 August 2021

<i>Approver</i>	<i>Name and job title</i>	<i>Date</i>
Cabinet Member(s) approval is required for all decisions	Councillor Louise Upton	23 July 2021
Ward Member(s) – Ward Members should be told in advance about anything which particularly affects their ward and which is potentially controversial but please note that Cabinet Members must be consulted first.	All members representing the wards significantly affected	27 July 2021