



Equality Impact Assessment

Question	Response
1. Name of policy/funding activity/event being assessed	<p>The council must review the Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) in place in the district every 3 years to determine whether or not they should be renewed in addition to proposing any new PSPOs.</p>
2. Summary of aims and objectives of the policy/funding activity/event	<p>To renew the existing PSPOs;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Fouling of Land Order (district-wide). This makes it an offence to fail to pick up dog faeces if a dog, which an individual is in charge of, defecates.2. Dogs on Leads Order (district-wide). An authorised officer can request an individual in charge of a dog to put (and keep) the dog on a lead, if such restraint, is considered reasonably necessary.3. Dog exclusion Order (selected areas). This excludes dogs from enclosed children's play areas in specified locations.4. Alcohol Control Zone (selected areas). This makes it an offence for a person to continue to drink alcohol in a designated place after being asked not to do so by a police officer or other designated person. The police also have the power to require the surrender of opened alcohol containers. The PSPO does not prohibit responsible drinking in public spaces, only problematic drinking causing a nuisance to others.5. Dogs on Leads Order in the enclosed area of The Spinney at Market Deeping Cemetery, where ashes are scattered. <p>To amend the current PSPO for the Dog Exclusion Order to include additional enclosed play areas on The Recreation Ground, Stamford.</p> <p>To add a new PSPO for Vehicle Nuisance ASB in the restricted area of Station Road Car Park (Cattle Market), The Meadows and Bath Row, Stamford. This order will control the activities of anyone being the driver of a vehicle</p>



	(motorised or otherwise) performing any of the following activities a. Revving of engine(s) as to cause a public nuisance b. ii. Sudden and/or rapid acceleration as to cause a public nuisance c. Repeated sudden and/or rapid acceleration as to cause a public nuisance d. Racing by two or more vehicles e. Performing stunts as to cause a public nuisance vi. Sounds horns as to cause a public nuisance f. Playing music from a vehicle as to cause a public nuisance.
3. What involvement and consultation has been done in relation to this policy? (e.g. with relevant groups and stakeholders)	A consultation was carried out as per section 72 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. Stakeholders including Parish, District and County Councillors, Town Councils, Lincolnshire County Council, Lincolnshire Police, The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Community Groups within South Kesteven were contacted with the relevant information to enable them to participate in the consultation which was undertaken over 4 weeks between 9 th August 2023 – 6 th September 2023. There were over 350 responses to the consultation survey.
4. Who is affected by the policy/funding activity/event?	All residents, visitors and other stakeholders within South Kesteven.
5. What are the arrangements for monitoring and reviewing the actual impact of the policy/funding activity/event?	Review and analysis of all enforcement action is undertaken on a monthly basis. The PSPOs will be reviewed in 3 years time.

Protected Characteristic	Is there a potential for positive or negative impact?	Please explain and give examples of any evidence/data used	Action to address negative impact e.g. adjustment to the policy <small>(The Action Log below should be completed to provide further detail)</small>
Age	Neutral	The application of powers and tools available to the district council under a PSPO are utilised in an equitable manner. Any use of these powers will be as a direct result of an anti - social act perpetrated by an individual or a dog for which they have responsibility.	The review of the Orders included a public consultation. The initial assessment has been reviewed taking into consideration the responses.



		<p>Age therefore is not a relevant protected characteristic in relation to the implementation of powers offered through the use of a PSPO unless the offender can offer mitigating circumstances that relate directly to this protected characteristic.</p>	
Disability	Neutral	<p>The provisions of the PSPOs relating to the control of dogs do not apply to any person who is registered blind in accordance with section 29 of The National Assistance Act 1948, to any person who is deaf and in charge of a dog trained by Hearing Dogs for Deaf People or to any person suffering a disability and in charge of a dog trained to assist with his/her mobility, manual dexterity, physical coordination or ability to lift and carry everyday objects and the said dog has been trained by a prescribed charity. Assistance Dogs UK member-trained assistance dogs will wear ID tags and a branded dog jacket/harness. They also have an ID booklet. This will make some assistance dogs clearly identifiable. It is not however a legal requirement for assistance dogs to wear a harness, jacket or lead slip and consideration of this will need to be made should any alleged breach of the PSPO be identified.</p>	<p>The review of the Orders included a public consultation. The initial assessment has been reviewed taking into consideration the responses.</p>
Gender Reassignment	Neutral	<p>The application of powers and tools available to the district council under a PSPO are utilised in an equitable manner. Any use of these powers will be as a direct result of an anti - social act perpetrated by an</p>	<p>The review of the Orders included a public consultation. The initial assessment has been reviewed taking into consideration the responses.</p>



		<p>individual or a dog for which they have responsibility. Race therefore is not a relevant protected characteristic in relation to the implementation of powers offered through the use of a PSPO unless the offender can offer mitigating circumstances that relate directly to this protected characteristic.</p>	
Marriage and Civil Partnership	Neutral	<p>The application of powers and tools available to the district council under a PSPO are utilised in an equitable manner. Any use of these powers will be as a direct result of an anti-social act perpetrated by an individual or a dog for which they have responsibility. Marriage and Civil Partnership therefore is not a relevant protected characteristic in relation to the implementation of powers offered through the use of a PSPO unless the offender can offer mitigating circumstances that relate directly to this protected characteristic.</p>	<p>The review of the Orders included a public consultation. The initial assessment has been reviewed taking into consideration the responses.</p>
Pregnancy and Maternity	Neutral	<p>The application of powers and tools available to the district council under a PSPO are utilised in an equitable manner. Any use of these powers will be as a direct result of an anti - social act perpetrated by an individual or a dog for which they have responsibility. Pregnancy and Maternity therefore is not a relevant protected characteristic in relation to the implementation of powers offered through the use of a PSPO unless the offender can offer mitigating circumstances that relate directly to this protected characteristic.</p>	<p>The review of the Orders included a public consultation. The initial assessment has been reviewed taking into consideration the responses.</p>



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Religion or Belief	Neutral	<p>The application of powers and tools available to the district council under a PSPO are utilised in an equitable manner. Any use of these powers will be as a direct result of an anti-social act perpetrated by an individual or a dog for which they have responsibility. Religion or Belief therefore is not a relevant protected characteristic in relation to the implementation of powers offered through the use of a PSPO unless the offender can offer mitigating circumstances that relate directly to this protected characteristic.</p>	<p>The review of the Orders included a public consultation. The initial assessment has been reviewed taking into consideration the responses.</p>
Sex	Neutral	<p>The application of powers and tools available to the district council under a PSPO are utilised in an equitable manner. Any use of these powers will be as a direct result of an anti-social act perpetrated by an individual or a dog for which they have responsibility. Sex therefore is not a relevant protected characteristic in relation to</p>	<p>The review of the Orders included a public consultation. The initial assessment has been reviewed taking into consideration the responses.</p>



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Sexual Orientation	Neutral	<p>The application of powers and tools available to the district council under a PSPO are utilised in an equitable manner. Any use of these powers will be as a direct result of an anti-social act perpetrated by an individual or a dog for which they have responsibility.</p> <p>Sexual Orientation therefore is not a relevant protected characteristic in relation to the implementation of powers offered through the use of a PSPO unless the offender can offer mitigating circumstances that relate directly to this protected characteristic.</p>	<p>The review of the Orders included a public consultation. The initial assessment has been reviewed taking into consideration the responses.</p>
Other Factors requiring consideration			
Socio-Economic Impacts	Neutral	<p>The application of powers and tools available to the district council under a PSPO are utilised in an equitable manner. Any use of these powers will be as a direct result of an anti-social act perpetrated by an individual or a dog for which they have responsibility.</p>	<p>The review of the Orders included a public consultation. The initial assessment has been reviewed taking into consideration the responses.</p>
Carers (those who provide unpaid care to a family member, friend or partner)-	Neutral	<p>The application of powers and tools available to the district council under a PSPO are utilised in an equitable manner. Any use of these powers will be as a direct result of an anti-social act perpetrated by an individual or a dog for which they have responsibility.</p>	<p>The review of the Orders included a public consultation. The initial assessment has been reviewed taking into consideration the responses.</p>



Consultation

Negative impacts identified will require the responsible officer to consult with the affected group/s to determine all practicable and proportionate mitigations. Add more rows as required.

Group/Organisation	Date	Response

Proposed Mitigation: Action Log

To be completed when barriers, negative impact or discrimination are found as part of this process – to show actions taken to remove or mitigate. Any mitigations identified throughout the EIA process should be meaningful and timely. Add more rows as required.

Negative Impact	Action	Timeline	Outcome	Status

Evaluation Decision

Question	Explanation / justification		
Is it possible the proposed policy or activity or change in policy or activity could discriminate or unfairly disadvantage people?	The application of powers and tools available to the district council under a PSPO are utilised in an equitable manner. Any use of these powers will be as a direct result of an anti-social act perpetrated by an individual or a dog for which they have responsibility.		
Final Decision	Tick	Include any explanation/justification required	
1. No barriers identified, therefore activity will proceed	X	The application of powers and tools available to the district council under a PSPO are utilised in an equitable manner. Any use of these powers will be as a direct result of an anti-social act perpetrated by an individual or a dog for which they have responsibility.	
2. Stop the policy or practice because the data shows bias towards one or more groups			
3. Adapt or change the policy in a way that will eliminate the bias			
4. Barriers and impact identified , however having considered all available options			



carefully, there appear to be no other proportionate ways to achieve the aim of the policy or practice (e.g. in extreme cases or where positive action is taken). Therefore you are going to proceed with caution with this policy or practice knowing that it may favour some people less than others, providing justification for this decision		
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Sign off

Name and job title of person completing this EIA	Kati Conway – Senior Neighbourhoods Officer
Officer Responsible for implementing the policy/function etc	Kati Conway – Senior Neighbourhoods Officer
Date Completed	18 th September 2023
Line Manager	Ayeisha Kirkham, Interim Head of Service - Public Protection
Date Agreed <i>(by line manager)</i>	22 nd September 2023
Date of Review <i>(if required)</i>	n/a

Completed EIAs should be sent to equalities@southkesteven.gov.uk . Completed EIAs will be published on the Council's website before any decision is made.