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## 1 Details of the activity (i.e. the policy, strategy, service, project or function)

<b>1.1 Directorate</b>	City Development
<b>1.2 Service</b>	Neighbourhood Enforcement

<b>1.3 Title of the activity (i.e. the policy, strategy, service, project or function):</b>
Review of the Public Spaces Protection Order.

<b>1.4 Brief description of the activity:</b>
<p>Review of restrictions contained in the current Sunderland City Wide Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) as per Cabinet Report 14th March 2024.</p> <p>PSPOs are intended to limit and restrict activities which cause nuisance or lead to problems for a community, and as such allow Councils to make restrictions on activities which are judged to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life in an area. They replace previous controls on the drinking of alcohol in public places and matters such as dog fouling and the keeping of dogs on leads, but a range of other activities can also be addressed, depending upon particular local issues. By design PSPOs are planned to allow people to enjoy open public spaces free from nuisance and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>PSPO's remain in place for 3 years then should be reviewed. The current PSPO is due to end in April 2024 and recommendations for a reviewed PSPO to go live 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024.</p>

<b>1.5 If the activity involves working with other directorates, partners or joint commissioning please state who is involved:</b>
<p>Safer Sunderland Partnership Board Tyne &amp; Wear Fire and Rescue Service Police &amp; Crime Commissioner Altogether Better Gentoo Residents and Businesses Public Health BID Bridges Kennel Club Elected Members Northumbria Police Cemeteries' Board City Development Directorate Finance Legal Trolley wise Colex</p>

<b>1.6 Will all or part of the activity be delivered through a provider external to the Council? If Yes, please refer to the <a href="#">Corporate Procurement</a> Processes</b>
No

<b>1.7 If Yes, please explain what element(s) of the activity will be delivered through an external provider:</b>
N/A

<b>1.8 Which areas of the city will be impacted?</b>	
Whole City	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Coalfield	<input type="checkbox"/>
East	<input type="checkbox"/>
North	<input type="checkbox"/>
Washington	<input type="checkbox"/>
West	<input type="checkbox"/>
Internal Council Activity – Impact on employees	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.9 Is the activity targeted at protected characteristics or any other key groups?</b>	
The PSPO is not targeted at any particular groups. However, the PSPO is designed to improve the quality of life for all who live, work and visit the City of Sunderland	
All of the below	<input type="checkbox"/>
Age (e.g. older people, younger people/children, a specific age group)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disability (e.g. mobility, long term health conditions, sensory impairment or loss, learning disability, neurological diversity or mental health)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marriage and civil partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pregnancy and maternity (including breastfeeding)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Race	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religion or belief (including no belief)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sex	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender reassignment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sexual orientation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Human Rights	<input type="checkbox"/>
Care Experienced People	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other vulnerable groups and people with complex needs (e.g. veterans, children and young people who are cared for or care experienced, carers, domestic abuse victims and survivors, ex-offenders etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>
People vulnerable to socio-economic deprivation (e.g. unemployed, low income, living in deprived areas, poor/no accommodation, low skills, low literacy etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Please complete the Completed By and Version Table below**

<b>Completed by:</b>	Michelle Coates
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Version	Status	Author	Comments	Date Issued
1	Complete	Michelle Coates		16/02/2024

## 2 Data and Intelligence

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<b>2.1 What data and intelligence has informed the activity?</b>
<p>Northumbria Policw Data Residents Survey Public Insight Reports Lets Talk Sunderland Data Complaints Service Requests Cllr Enquiries/Intelligence MP Enquiries ASB Data Health Data Environmental Crime Data</p>
<b>2.2 Summary of data / intelligence / consultation outcomes to inform understanding of differences in:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the way people use, access or experience your activity;</li> <li>how the activity may impact; and/or</li> <li>outcomes for different groups?</li> </ul>
<p>This is a review of the current Public Spaces Protection Order which has been in place for 3 years. Changes to the order went out to public consultation for 6 weeks – see section of 5 Cabinet report.</p>

## 3 Equality and Human Rights

[Guidance for this section](#)

<b>3.1 Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation</b>
<b>What impact will the activity have?</b>
Positive
<b>Explain how/why:</b>
<p>The PSPO is designed to improve the quality of life for all who live, work and visit the area. Appendix A of the Cabinet Report provides details of the results of the consultation with regards to the proposed measures and restrictions of the PSPO with the majority of residents in favour of these. The measures and restrictions within the PSPO are there to ensure that activities carried out in a public space do not have a detrimental impact on the quality of life of those in the localities and communities.</p>
<b>3.2 Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not</b>
<b>What impact will the activity have?</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Explain how/why:</b>

<b>3.3 Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not</b>
<b>What impact will the activity have?</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Explain how/why:</b>

<b>3.4 Age (older ages, children and young people, middle ages, an age range or a specific age)</b>
<b>What impact will the activity have?</b>
Positive
<b>Explain how/why:</b>
The PSPO is designed to improve the quality of life for all who live, work and visit the area. For example: Young children are most likely to be exposed to dog fouling and second hand smoke through their outside play activities and potential health impacts.

<b>3.5 Disability (mobility, long-term health conditions, sensory, learning disability, neurological diversity or mental health)</b>
<b>What impact will the activity have?</b>
Positive
<b>Explain how/why:</b>
The PSPO is designed to improve the quality of life for all who live, work and visit the area. For example: Wheelchair users are particularly affected by dog fouling on streets and pathways.

<b>3.6 Gender reassignment (the process of transitioning from one sex to another)</b>
<b>What impact will the activity have?</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Explain how/why:</b>

<b>3.7 Marriage and Civil Partnership</b>
<b>What impact will the activity have?</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Explain how/why:</b>

<b>3.8 Pregnancy and maternity (including breastfeeding)</b>
<b>What impact will the activity have?</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Explain how/why:</b>

<b>3.9 Race (colour, ethnicity, country of origin, culture, etc.)</b>
<b>What impact will the activity have?</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Explain how/why:</b>

<b>3.10 Religion / Belief (including no belief)</b>
<b>What impact will the activity have?</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Explain how/why:</b>

<b>3.11 Sex (male or female)</b>
<b>What impact will the activity have?</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Explain how/why:</b>

<b>3.12 Sexual orientation</b>
<b>What impact will the activity have?</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Explain how/why:</b>

<b>3.13 Will the activity impact on an individual’s Human Rights as enshrined in UK law?</b>
<b>What impact will the activity have?</b>
Positive
<b>Explain how/why:</b>
The measures and restrictions within the PSPO are there to ensure that activities carried out in a public space do not have a detrimental impact on the quality of life of those in the localities and communities.

<b>3.14 Other vulnerable groups and people with complex needs (e.g. veterans, children and young people cared for and care experienced, carers, domestic abuse victims and survivors, ex-offenders, homeless or multiple complexities/characteristics)</b>
<b>What impact will the activity have?</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Explain how/why:</b>

## 4 Reducing socio-economic and digital inequalities

### [Guidance for this section](#)

Will the activity:

<b>4.1 Impact on residents’ financial circumstances</b>	Not Applicable
<b>4.2 Impact on housing, including type, range, affordability, quality and/or condition</b>	Not Applicable
<b>4.3 Impact on digital inclusion or access</b>	Not Applicable
<b>4.4 Impact on education, skills and lifelong learning</b>	Not Applicable
<b>4.5 Impact on employment, including quality and access</b>	Not Applicable

<b>4.6 Outline the impact your activity will have, including how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts and maximise positive outcomes</b>
<b>4.7 Outline how you will measure the anticipated impact(s)</b>

## 5 Improving population health and reducing health inequalities

### [Guidance for this section](#)

Will the activity:

<b>5.1 Help promote healthy living</b>	Positive
<b>5.2 Help promote safe and inclusive environments</b>	Positive
<b>5.3 Impact on children, young people and families</b>	Positive
<b>5.4 Impact on natural and built surroundings</b>	Positive
<b>5.5 Impact on accessibility and active travel encouraging active behaviours</b>	Positive
<b>5.6 Impact on living independently</b>	Not Applicable

<b>5.7 Outline the impact your activity will have, including how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts and maximise positive outcomes</b>
The measures and restrictions contained within the Public Space Protection Order are in place to create a more healthy, safe and clean environment that can be enjoyed by all demographics e.g. reducing / eliminating dog fouling will provide a cleaner environment that children can play in and enjoy. Cleaner public spaces will encourage walking and outdoor activities thus increasing active behaviours. Prohibiting vaping and smoking in play areas allow families to enjoy cleaner air and outdoor space free from second-hand smoke. The measures are designed to promote healthy behaviours across the city.
<b>5.8 Outline how you will measure the anticipated impact(s)</b>
Numbers of Fixed Penalty Notices issued; Annual Review and partner and resident feedback

## 6 Carbon reduction and sustainability

### [Guidance for this section](#)

Will the activity:

<b>6.1 Adapting our behaviour (environmentally significant)</b>	Not Applicable
<b>6.2 Impact on biodiversity and natural environment</b>	Not Applicable
<b>6.3 Impact on energy efficient built environment</b>	Not Applicable
<b>6.4 Impact on renewable energy generation and storage</b>	Not Applicable
<b>6.5 Impact on travel and active transport</b>	Not Applicable
<b>6.6 Impact on the green economy</b>	Positive
<b>6.7 Impact on waste, recycling and consumption</b>	Positive

<b>6.8 Outline the impact your activity will have, including how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts and maximise positive outcomes</b>
The measure with regards to not feeding birds and enforcing the no-side waste policy will reduce putrescible waste, which in turn will reduce the possible attraction of vermin and potentially increase recycling figures.
<b>6.9 Outline how you will measure the anticipated impact(s)</b>
Number of Fixed Penalty Notices issued; Annual Review and partner and resident feedback.

## 7 Community wealth building

### [Guidance for this section](#)

Will the activity:

<b>7.1 Impact on community wealth and social value</b>	Not Applicable
<b>7.2 Impact on social inclusion, integration, and fostering good relations</b>	Not Applicable
<b>7.3 Impact on crime reduction, anti-social behaviour and community safety</b>	Positive
<b>7.4 Impact on access to services</b>	Not Applicable

<b>7.5 Outline the impact your activity will have, including how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts and maximise positive outcomes</b>
Highlighted as an issue in the Northumbria Police Safer Communities Survey. The Councils Resident Survey results in 2022 and 2023 informed us that anti-social behaviour remains a top priority. We also know from reports that our open spaces such as parks and our beaches suffer issues associated with ASB throughout the year. There is a direct causal link between the behaviour of street drinkers and ASB. Similar to the consumption of alcohol, it is often the effects of individuals 'using' psychoactive substances, that members of the public are negatively impacted by. Measures restricting the consumption of both will limit the negative experiences of residents and visitors to the City. Restrictions on the anti-social use of motorcycles, scooters, skateboards, quad bikes and car cruising will contribute to feelings of safety; actual pedestrian safety as well as protect our green and open spaces.
<b>7.6 Outline how you will measure the anticipated impact(s)</b>
Yearly reviews of order

## 8 Key Actions

Any key actions identified throughout the IIA should be recorded here. This will be the action plan linked to your activity and should be implemented to ensure all inequalities or negative impacts are mitigated.

Key Actions	Timescale	Responsible Officer	Review Date
Implement PSPO	May 2024	Michelle Coates	01/04/2024
Review and evaluation	Yearly	Michelle Coates	01/05/2025
			01/05/2026

**Please complete the Responsible Officer information below**

<b>Responsible officer sign off:</b>	
<b>Name</b>	Michelle Coates
<b>Job Title</b>	Neighbourhood Enforcement Manager
<b>Responsible officer for reviewing actions:</b>	
<b>Name</b>	Gavin Bell
<b>Job Title</b>	Environmental Enforcement Manager

To support the council's reporting processes in relation to IIA, please use the following naming convention: IIA\_(Name\_of\_activity).

Once you have completed the IIA and it is signed off, please send the final document as an **attachment** to: [IIA@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:IIA@sunderland.gov.uk)

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