

## APPENDIX ITEM 3 - PUBLIC CONSULTATION (OUTCOMES to date 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017)

### Consulation Headlines

- 1,241 have been completed so far
- Overwhelmingly a high percentage of the respondents either agree or strongly agree with all the prohibitions that are being considered.
- There is support for the council to consider extra, more enhanced prohibitions on the order for specific areas; such as ban on dogs in enclosed children's play areas and requirement for owners to have means to clear up after their dog, both of which were in favour by over 70% of the respondents.
- Over 96% of the respondents were residents of CE.
- There is a good balance of Male/Female and age band respondents.

## Dog Fouling and Dog Control Public Space Protection Order Consultation

### Part one – PSPO Dog Fouling

1. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements :-						
	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Response Total
If a dog fouls at any time on public land and it is not removed, then the person shall be guilty of an offence unless they can show that: a) They have a reasonable excuse for failing to do so, or b) The owner, occupier, or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to them failing to do so.	77.5% (935)	16.2% (195)	2.0% (24)	2.0% (24)	2.3% (28)	1206
The Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for dog fouling will apply in all public places which is any place to which the public has access within the Cheshire East borough.	75.4% (905)	14.7% (176)	2.2% (26)	2.7% (32)	5.2% (62)	1201
Placing the dog mess (faeces) in a bin on the land (either a dog waste bin or general waste bin) will be considered sufficient removal of the dog mess from the land.	72.7% (875)	22.0% (265)	2.0% (24)	1.6% (19)	1.7% (21)	1204
Being unaware of the dog mess (defecation) or not having a bag or other suitable means of removing the dog mess, shall not be a reasonable excuse for failing to remove the dog mess.	65.1% (785)	20.2% (244)	5.6% (68)	5.1% (62)	3.8% (46)	1205
					answered	1207
					skipped	34

1.1. If a dog fouls at any time on public land and it is not removed, then the person shall be guilty of an offence unless they can show that: a) They have a reasonable excuse for failing to do so, or b) The owner, occupier, or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to them failing to do so.					Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree				77.5%	935
2	Agree				16.2%	195
3	Neither agree or disagree				2.0%	24
4	Disagree				2.0%	24
5	Strongly disagree				2.3%	28
Analysis	Mean:	1.35	Std. Deviation:	0.82	Satisfaction Rate:	8.85
	Variance:	0.67	Std. Error:	0.02		
					answered	1206

1.2. The Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for dog fouling will apply in all public places which is any place to which the public has access within the Cheshire East borough.					Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree				75.4%	905
2	Agree				14.7%	176
3	Neither agree or disagree				2.2%	26
4	Disagree				2.7%	32
5	Strongly disagree				5.2%	62
Analysis	Mean:	1.48	Std. Deviation:	1.04	Satisfaction Rate:	11.91
	Variance:	1.07	Std. Error:	0.03		
					answered	1201

1.3. Placing the dog mess (faeces) in a bin on the land (either a dog waste bin or general waste bin) will be considered sufficient removal of the dog mess from the land.					Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree				72.7%	875
2	Agree				22.0%	265
3	Neither agree or disagree				2.0%	24
4	Disagree				1.6%	19
5	Strongly disagree				1.7%	21
Analysis	Mean:	1.38	Std. Deviation:	0.76	Satisfaction Rate:	9.43
	Variance:	0.58	Std. Error:	0.02		
					answered	1204

1.4. Being unaware of the dog mess (defecation) or not having a bag or other suitable means of removing the dog mess, shall not be a reasonable excuse for failing to remove the dog mess.					Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree				65.1%	785
2	Agree				20.2%	244
3	Neither agree or disagree				5.6%	68
4	Disagree				5.1%	62
5	Strongly disagree				3.8%	46
Analysis	Mean:	1.62	Std. Deviation:	1.06	Satisfaction Rate:	15.56
					answered	1205

1.4. Being unaware of the dog mess (defecation) or not having a bag or other suitable means of removing the dog mess, shall not be a reasonable excuse for failing to remove the dog mess.				Response Percent	Response Total
Variance:	1.11	Std. Error:	0.03		

## Part two – PSPO Dogs on lead by direction

2. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements :-						
	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Response Total
A person in charge of a dog will be guilty of an offence if at any time whilst they are on land to which the public has access, they fail to follow the instruction from an authorised officer to put and keep the dog on a lead (rope, cord, leash or similar) as directed by the authorised officer unless they can show that: a) They have a reasonable excuse for failing to do so, or b) The person in control of the land has consented to them failing to do so	66.3% (798)	17.5% (211)	4.8% (58)	5.1% (61)	6.2% (75)	1203
The Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for dog control will apply in all public places which is any place to which the public has access within the Cheshire East borough.	68.3% (822)	17.1% (206)	3.7% (45)	4.1% (49)	6.7% (81)	1203
An authorised officer may only direct a person to put and keep a dog on a lead if such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance, or behaviour by the dog is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal.	60.0% (720)	24.9% (299)	5.2% (62)	5.0% (60)	5.0% (60)	1201
					answered	1206
					skipped	35

2.1. A person in charge of a dog will be guilty of an offence if at any time whilst they are on land to which the public has access, they fail to follow the instruction from an authorised officer to put and keep the dog on a lead (rope, cord, leash or similar) as directed by the authorised officer unless they can show that: a) They have a reasonable excuse for failing to do so, or b) The person in control of the land has consented to them failing to do so					Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree				66.3%	798
2	Agree				17.5%	211
3	Neither agree or disagree				4.8%	58
4	Disagree				5.1%	61
5	Strongly disagree				6.2%	75
Analysis	Mean:	1.67	Std. Deviation:	1.17	Satisfaction Rate:	16.83
	Variance:	1.37	Std. Error:	0.03		
					answered	1203

2.2. The Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for dog control will apply in all public places which is any place to which the public has access within the Cheshire East borough.					Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree				68.3%	822
2	Agree				17.1%	206
3	Neither agree or disagree				3.7%	45
4	Disagree				4.1%	49
5	Strongly disagree				6.7%	81
Analysis	Mean:	1.64	Std. Deviation:	1.17	Satisfaction Rate:	15.94
	Variance:	1.36	Std. Error:	0.03		
					answered	1203

2.3. An authorised officer may only direct a person to put and keep a dog on a lead if such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance, or behaviour by the dog is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal.					Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree				60.0%	720
2	Agree				24.9%	299
3	Neither agree or disagree				5.2%	62
4	Disagree				5.0%	60
5	Strongly disagree				5.0%	60
Analysis	Mean:	1.7	Std. Deviation:	1.1	Satisfaction Rate:	17.55
	Variance:	1.21	Std. Error:	0.03		
					answered	1201

3. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement :-						
	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Response Total
An Authorised Officer would issue a fixed penalty notice (FPN) of £100. Failure to pay the FPN may lead to	64.6% (778)	19.0% (229)	5.0% (60)	5.7% (69)	5.7% (69)	1205

### 3. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement :-

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Response Total
prosecution and a potential maximum fine of £1,000 as would more serious breaches of the PSPO.						
					answered	1205
					skipped	36

3.1. An Authorised Officer would issue a fixed penalty notice (FPN) of £100. Failure to pay the FPN may lead to prosecution and a potential maximum fine of £1,000 as would more serious breaches of the PSPO.							Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree						64.6%	778
2	Agree						19.0%	229
3	Neither agree or disagree						5.0%	60
4	Disagree						5.7%	69
5	Strongly disagree						5.7%	69
Analysis	Mean:	1.69	Std. Deviation:	1.16	Satisfaction Rate:	17.26	answered	1205
	Variance:	1.34	Std. Error:	0.03				

### 4. Which of the following locations/areas would like considered to be specifically or generally covered in any future reviews of the PSPO for dog fouling and dog control?

		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Restriction on the number of dogs per owner that can be taken out into public spaces at one time	48.92%	589
2	A requirement that a dog owner should be able to present to an authorised officer evidence of means by which they intend to clear up after their dog (e.g. dog poo bag)	75.66%	911
3	A requirement that a dog should remain on a lead at all times in certain areas of the borough (e.g. parks)	53.41%	643
4	"No dogs" allowed areas (e.g. enclosed children's play areas)	79.40%	956
5	None of the above	7.23%	87

#### 4. Which of the following locations/areas would like considered to be specifically or generally covered in any future reviews of the PSPO for dog fouling and dog control?

							Response Percent	Response Total
6	Other (please specify):						14.87%	179
Analysis	Mean:	8.03	Std. Deviation:	8.92	Satisfaction Rate:	104.78	answered	1204
	Variance:	79.49	Std. Error:	0.26			skipped	37
Other (please specify): (179)								

#### 6. Which of the following applies to you? Please select all that apply

						Response Percent	Response Total	
1	Resident of Cheshire East					96.18%	1157	
2	I am a member of a local community group (please state below)					10.22%	123	
3	I work in Cheshire East					18.54%	223	
4	I am a local CEC/Parish Councillor					4.57%	55	
5	Other (please specify):					3.57%	43	
Analysis	Mean:	2.08	Std. Deviation:	1.33	Satisfaction Rate:	18.83	answered	1203
	Variance:	1.76	Std. Error:	0.04			skipped	38
Other (please specify): (43)								
local community group attended:- (150)								

#### 8. Gender:

							Response Percent	Response Total
1	Male						42.93%	510
2	Female						57.07%	678
Analysis	Mean:	1.57	Std. Deviation:	0.49	Satisfaction Rate:	57.07	answered	1188
	Variance:	0.25	Std. Error:	0.01			skipped	53

#### 9. Age Group (please select one option only)

						Response Percent	Response Total
1	18-24 years					1.44%	17
2	25-34 years					9.75%	115
3	35-44 years					21.86%	258

9. Age Group (please select one option only)

							Response Percent	Response Total
4	45-54 years						23.31%	275
5	55-65 years						24.32%	287
6	65+ years						19.32%	228
Analysis	Mean:	4.17	Std. Deviation:	1.31	Satisfaction Rate:	63.46	answered	1180
	Variance:	1.72	Std. Error:	0.04			skipped	61