



Cabinet

Members are invited to a **Meeting of the Cabinet** to be held in the Deben Conference Room, East Suffolk House, Melton, on **Tuesday, 5 December 2023** at **6.30pm**.

This meeting will be broadcast to the public via the East Suffolk YouTube Channel at <https://youtube.com/live/hGzQnN7joHk?feature=share>.

Members:

Councillor Caroline Topping (Leader of the Council), Councillor David Beavan (Deputy Leader and Housing), Councillor Paul Ashton (Corporate Services – Digital, Customer Services, HR and Assets), Councillor Jan Candy (Community Health), Councillor Tom Daly (Energy and Climate Change), Councillor Toby Hammond (Economic Development and Transport), Councillor Vince Langdon-Morris (Resources and Value for Money), Councillor Rachel Smith-Lyte (The Environment), Councillor Sarah Whitelock (Communities, Leisure and Tourism), Councillor Kay Yule (Planning and Coastal Management)

An Agenda is set out below.

Part One – Open to the Public

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1 Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence, if any.

2 Declarations of Interest

Members and Officers are invited to make any declarations of interests, and the nature of that interest, that they may have in relation to items on the Agenda and are also reminded to make any declarations at any stage during the Meeting if it becomes apparent that this may be required when a particular item or issue is considered.

3 Announcements

To receive any announcements.

Minutes

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2023.

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KEY DECISIONS

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KEY DECISION

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| 12 | Community Asset Transfer of Public Open Space to Rushmere Parish Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). | |
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Chris Bally, Chief Executive

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Minutes of a Meeting of the **Cabinet** held in the Conference Room, Riverside Lowestoft, on **Tuesday, 07 November 2023 at 6:30 PM**

Members of the Cabinet present:

Councillor David Beavan, Councillor Jan Candy, Councillor Tom Daly, Councillor Toby Hammond, Councillor Vince Langdon-Morris, Councillor Rachel Smith-Lyte, Councillor Caroline Topping, Councillor Sarah Whitelock, Councillor Kay Yule

Other Members present:

Councillor Peter Byatt, Councillor Dan Clery, Councillor Julia Ewart, Councillor Craig Rivett

Officers present: Chris Bally (Chief Executive), Chris Bing (Head of Legal and Democratic Services), Kate Blakemore (Strategic Director), Katy Cassidy (Democratic Services Officer), Lorraine Fitch (Democratic Services Manager), Phil Harris (Strategic Communications and Marketing Manager), Andy Jarvis (Strategic Director), V Johnson (Health and Safety Manager), Nick Khan (Strategic Director), Marie McKissock (Finance Manager Compliance), Amy Moye (Procurement Manager), Fiona Quinn (Head of Environmental Services and Port Health), Tim Snook (Leisure Development Partnership Manager), Alli Stone (Democratic Services Officer), Christine Walker (Food and Safety Manager)

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Ashton.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Announcements

Leader of the Council

There were no announcements from the Leader of the Council

Cabinet Members

Councillor Yule announced that the Cycling and Walking Strategy (SPB) supplementary planning document had been shortlisted at the Royal Town Planning Institute 2023 awards. This was for 'Planning Excellence' in the Digital Planning category, Councillor Yule wished the team best of luck at the awards ceremony.

Councillor Langdon-Morris offered his thanks to the Chief Executive, East Suffolk Services and everyone involved in providing assistance and support during the recent adverse weather and flooding experienced in his ward.

Chief Executive

The Chief Executive had no announcements

4 Minutes

On the proposition of Councillor Hammond, seconded by Councillor Yule it was unanimously

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2023 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

5 Our Direction 2028

Councillor Topping, Leader of the Council introduced report ES1718 which related to East Suffolk Council's proposed strategic plan, 'Our Direction 2028'.

Following the elections in May 2023 work commenced on the new Strategic Plan. There was consideration of the previous plan and the wider values of the GLI group. Consultation took place which included drop-in sessions for staff from across all sites, Chief Executive Briefings and an 'all member' briefing. There was also an online consultation opportunity for residents and stakeholders. In addition stakeholders were written to inform them about the consultation.

Feedback was collated and fed into final version of the plan which reflected the priorities and the political ambitions of the new administration for the next four years.

The Strategic Plan would work with and empower communities to protect what was loved about the district, improve services where required and adapt to the changing environment.

The four themes were outlined as: Environment Impact, Sustainable Housing, Tackling Inequalities and a Thriving Economy.

An overview of the Council's finances was included in 'Our Direction'. A clear and transparent action plan would be developed to manage and monitor progress and achievements.

There were no questions from Cabinet Members.

Councillor Byatt was pleased to see there had been movement from previous shortened versions of what the plan was. He stated he was disappointed at the number of responses received and posed how engagement could be increased in future to ensure as much local grass roots democracy as possible. Councillor Byatt referenced the issue of digital assumption and future options to include a physical note in with information routinely sent out to households.

Councillor Topping responded to state that communication is digital and that there was work completed to try and engage more people in having their say by being contacted through other means and social media was used to convey messages and information.

The Strategic Director added that there was a press release and wider stakeholder survey conducted. Hard copies of the plan were available on request. In terms of the survey 380 responses were received, there was an opportunity for free text and they survey was open for a month. A summary of these were included in Appendix C of the documents provided for the meeting.

Councillor Topping thanked everyone who took part in the process and reflected that it was good to be out in the community working with other officers on this project.

On the proposition of Councillor Topping, seconded by Councillor Hammond it was unanimously

RESOLVED

That it be recommended to Full Council that it approves the Strategic Plan, Our Direction 2028, as set out in Appendix A to the report.

6 East Suffolk Council's Food and Health & Safety Service Plan 2023-2024

Councillor Candy, Cabinet Member with the responsibility of Community Health introduced Report ES1719 which related to the East Suffolk Council's Food and Health and Safety Service plan 2023 - 2024.

The first Food and Health and Safety Plan was approved in November 2021 and came to end on 31 March 2023. The plan covered the vital work carried out by the Environmental Services and Port Health area.

The Food and Health and Safety Team deliver a wide range of statutory functions, both regulatory and advisory. Councillor Candy outlined a number of these, which included the regulation of health and safety standards in workplaces, food health export certificates, health and safety inspections, ship sanitation certificates, inspection of vessels at the port of Lowestoft along with raising awareness among food business operators, employers and the public.

Councillor Candy highlighted the function of the Corporate Health and Safety Team and Suffolk Coastal being the leading port health authority in the UK.

There were no questions asked from Cabinet Members.

Councillor Rivett posed a question regarding the wording of the recommendations being quite broad.

The Monitoring Officer and Chief Executive confirmed that the recommendation's wording aimed to provide the opportunity to amend the service plan by members in attendance, and that a similar recommendation would then go ahead to Full Council for approval.

Councillor Byatt questioned the plan to continue to drive recruitment so reliance on temporary contractors could reduce.

Councillor Candy advised there were people working on apprenticeships within East Suffolk.

The Food and Safety Manager advised that there was one temporary contract at present and 4 Environmental Health Apprentices who would hopefully go on to take up internal roles in the future.

Councillor Byatt highlighted PG45 of the report it stated that there could be an increase on the number and frequency of checks and asked what the provision was for managing the increased pressure on staff capacity to manage these potential changes.

The Strategic Director advised that provision had been made to recruit for more staff if required. There was potential for a significant increase in checks and East Suffolk Council were awaiting further detail to understand the charging mechanisms that would go alongside the requirements. Lobbying to Central Government would also continue regarding funding additional resources required to manage the increases expected.

Councillor Daly queried that his understanding was DEFRA would cover any additional costs.

The Strategic Director confirmed this and invited through the Chair the Head of Environmental Services and Port Health Strategic Management to comment further. They stated that a letter from DEFRA was expected which would provide more information and an invite to apply for a bid for additional funding. The proposed fees and charging regime document for the EU checks had been received and the team were working through the implications of it. Lobbying for further information and support would continue.

There being no further questions, on the proposition of Councillor Candy, Seconded by Councillor Langdon-Morris is was unanimously

RESOLVED

That Cabinet:

1. Notes performance against the service plan for 2021/23, and
2. considers and comments on the service plan for 2023/24, and
3. recommends that Full Council approves the service plan for 2023/24, with or without amendment.

7 Draft Medium Term Financial Strategy and Quarter 2 Budget Monitoring for 2023/24

Councillor Langdon-Morris the Cabinet Member for Resources and Value for Money introduced report ES1720 which related to the Draft Medium Term Financial Strategy and Quarter 2 Budget Monitoring for 2023/24.

It was outlined that the purpose of the report was to approve an updated draft Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS), taking account of new and revised risks in order for the Council to set a balanced budget that delivers its priorities for the period under review 2024/25 to 2027/28.

The report also provided Cabinet with an overview of the Council's projected financial performance for the financial year 2023/24 in respect of the General Fund, Reserves, Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and the Capital Programme.

Councillor Topping thanked the Chief Finance Officer for including additional data in the strategy following feedback from an Informal Cabinet meeting.

Councillor Byatt queried how the wider funding programme worked in the context of Lowestoft Town Council making a bid to the Public Works Fund for the Town Hall regeneration project. The project had recently been granted partial funding from East Suffolk Council.

The Chief Executive stated that the business case was always predicated on application to heritage lottery fund which was successful and then an application to the Public Works Loan Board from Lowestoft Town Council. The funds provided by East Suffolk Council reduced the amount of money being requested via the Public Works Loans Board. The business case talked about the payback of the loan and usage of the Town Hall and further proposals.

With there being no further questions, on the proposition of Councillor Langdon-Morris seconded by Councillor Whitelock it was unanimously

RESOLVED

1. That the draft Medium Term Financial Strategy attached as Appendix A be approved.
2. That it be approved that members and officers develop proposals to set a balanced budget for 2024/25 and beyond.

3. That the Council's financial position in Appendix B for the period April to September 2023 together with projections of the full year outturn and reserve balances be noted.

8 East Suffolk Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme (LCTRS) 2024/25

Councillor Langdon-Morris the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Resources and Value for Money introduced report **ES1721** which related to East Suffolk Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme (LCTRS) 2024/25.

It was outlined that purpose of the report was to review the 2023/24 Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme (LCTRS) and consider options for the scheme for 2024/25.

There were no questions put to Councillor Langdon-Morris.

On the proposition of Councillor Langdon-Morris, seconded by Councillor Yule it was unanimously

RESOLVED

That it be approved that no change is made to the East Suffolk Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme (LCTRS) for 2024/25.

9 Insurance Contract Renewal

Councillor Langdon-Morris the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Resources and Value for Money introduced report ES/1722 which related to an insurance contract renewal.

Councillor Langdon-Morris outlined the purpose of the report sought approval from Cabinet to go out to tender and enter into a new three-year contract with the option to extend for a further two years for Insurance services for East Suffolk Council and East Suffolk Services Limited.

There were no questions put to Councillor Langdon-Morris.

On the proposition of Councillor Langdon-Morris, seconded by Councillor Candy it was unanimously

RESOLVED

That Cabinet approves for authority to be delegated to the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Resources and Value for Money, and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, to tender and award the contract for insurance services, on terms that best protect the Council's interests and after undertaking a procurement exercise pursuant to the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and Public Contract Regulations 2015.

Leiston Leisure Centre/Alde Valley Academy Third Generation (3G) and Multi-Purpose Games Area (MUGA) Sport Facility Legacy from Sizewell C

Councillor Whitelock the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Communities, Leisure and Tourism, introduced report ES/1723 which related to Leiston Leisure Centre/Alde Valley Academy Third Generation (3G) and Multi-Purpose Games Area (MUGA) Sport Facility Legacy from Sizewell C.

Councillor Whitelock outlined the purpose of the report, which was to seek Cabinet approval to enter into negotiations with Alde Valley Academy to deliver the building of a 3G pitch and MUGA (fully funded through Sizewell C Holding Company) through the Leisure Partnership Agreement with Rock Merchants, known as Pulse Design and Build.

Furthermore, to enter into a management agreement to operate the pitch with Alde Valley Academy through ESC's leisure operator, Places Leisure, subject to terms that are in the best interest of ESC.

The following options were outlined

1(a) To enter into arrangements to build and deliver the third-generation pitch on the Alde Valley Academy land at no cost to the council, as outlined in the report.

1 (b) To enter into a management agreement that sets out the proposed hours of use for Alde Valley School, the construction workforce, and the local community for the use of the 3G pitch and MUGA as outlined in the report.

2(a) To not agree to deliver the 3G and MUGA through the leisure development partnership and for the Alde Valley Academy to arrange the building works and delivery directly.

2(b) To not enter into a management agreement to manage the 3G and MUGA through ESC's leisure operators and for the Alde Valley Academy to manage the facilities directly.

Councillor Byatt queried if there was a start date and if Sizewell C did not go ahead - at all, would there be a requirement to pay the money back.

The Leisure Development and Partnership Manager advised that the team were seeking delegated authority enter in to those agreements. It was due to be built July 2024 ready for January 2025. A contract would not be accepted if there was a requirement to repay funds in such circumstances as Councillor Byatt queried.

On the proposition of Councillor Whitelock, seconded by Councillor Langdon-Morris it was unanimously

RESOLVED

1. That authority be delegated to the Strategic Director in liaison with the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Communities, Leisure and Tourism in the best interests of East Suffolk Council to enter into arrangements with Alde Valley Academy and Sizewell C Holding Company (Sizewell C Co) for ESC's Leisure Development partner, Pulse Design and Build, to build and deliver the third-generation pitch on the Alde Valley Academy land at no cost to the council.

2. That authority be delegated to the Strategic Director in liaison with the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Communities, Leisure and Tourism to enter a management agreement that sets out the proposed hours of use for Alde Valley School, the construction workforce, and the local community for the use of the 3G pitch and multi games use area in liaison with the Strategic Director and Cabinet Member for Leisure and Tourism

As a point of note, Councillor Smith-Lyte shared a concern regarding 3G pitches and the materials used in constructing them.

Councillor Whitelock advised that she had considered the issues and environmental impact, but felt that the community benefit was great and significant to the local area. It was flagged up that there was a shortfall in MUGA facilities in the local area.

The Leisure Development and Partnership Manager advised that there was research being conducted by Sport England and in Europe regarding use of materials and wider environmental impacts. If any new information was to become available prior to build commencement changes can be made. In addition, the rubber crumbs could be removed once in use, if a better alternative was found.

There was a discussion about the detrimental impact of artificial sport pitches. Councillor Whitelock concluded to state that sometimes politics requires difficult decisions and on balance she felt it was the right thing to do.

Councillor Ewart raised a concern that Leiston residents would end up paying for the pitch and was there a 'Plan B'.

Councillor Whitelock responded that regarding electricity and running costs, the taxpayer would to some extent be paying. However, referred to the previous discussion around wider benefit to the community and the benefit of having the expertise of the Leisure Team being involved the process.

The Leisure Development and Partnership Manager added that the build was not going to be on Council land and would likely go ahead. If the Council move forward with the preferred recommendation, there would be more environmental control to the build and an opportunity to ensure wider benefit to the local community.

Councillor Daly highlighted the importance of the Council being involved and having the ability to influence decisions and outcomes of the project for community and environmental benefit, for example ensuring the floodlights are only on when in use.

Councillor Whitelock added that the skills and experience of the Leisure Team were key to being involved in the project.

Councillor Byatt commented that MUGA pitched are designed to be 'how you want them' and be set not to be lit up at certain times and some environmental factors can be mitigated and managed via such mechanisms.

The Leisure Development and Partnership Manager stated that comments made during the meeting were taken on board and as part of negotiations lighting would be discussed.

11 Exempt/Confidential Items

It was recommended that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 3 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

12 Exempt Minutes

On the proposition of Councillor Beavan, seconded by Councillor Yule it was unanimously

RESOLVED

That the Exempt minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2023 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

The meeting concluded at 7:35pm

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Chair



CABINET
Tuesday, 05 December 2023

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| Subject | Council Tax Base 2024/25 |
| Cabinet Member | Councillor Vince Langdon-Morris Cabinet Member with responsibility for Resources and Value for Money |
| Report Author(s) / Head of Service | Lorraine Rogers Chief Finance Officer and Section 151 Officer Lorraine.rogers@eastsoffolk.gov.uk |
| Director | Chris Bally Chief Executive Chris.bally@eastsoffolk.gov.uk |

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| Is the report Open or Exempt? | OPEN |
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| Category of Exempt Information and reason why it is NOT in the public interest to disclose the exempt information. | Not applicable |
| Wards Affected: | All Wards |

Purpose and high-level overview

Purpose of Report:

The purpose of this report is to approve the 2024/25 Council Tax Base for the East Suffolk Council area.

Options:

The Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 sets out the requirements for the calculation of the council tax base for tax setting purposes, and there are consequently no alternative options to consider.

Recommendation/s:

That Cabinet approve

1. That the council tax base for 2024/25 for the East Suffolk district is 91,018.73 Band D equivalent properties.
2. That the council tax bases for 2024/25 for individual town and parish areas are as shown in **Appendix A**.

Corporate Impact Assessment

Governance:

None arising directly from this report.

ESC policies and strategies that directly apply to the proposal:

East Suffolk Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme (LCTRS)

East Suffolk Council Discretionary Council Tax Reliefs and Charges policies

Environmental:

None arising directly from this report.

Equalities and Diversity:

An Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) is not applicable to calculation of the council tax base, which is a statutory requirement.

Financial:

An increase in the council tax base has financial implications for precepting authorities as their income from a given level of Band D council tax is increased. At the 2023/24 council tax levels, an increase in the tax base of 677.81 Band D equivalents results in increases in council tax income of: Suffolk County Council £1.014m; Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner £178k; and East Suffolk Council £123k.

For town and parish councils, an increase in the tax base means that if the parish kept its precept the same as last year, it would see a reduction in the parish element of the council tax. However, the fact that growth in the number of properties and LCTRS reliefs are not evenly spread across the district means that some parishes have seen decreases

in their tax base, whilst others have seen increases greater than the overall increase of 0.75%.

Human Resources:

None arising directly from this report.

ICT:

None arising directly from this report.

Legal:

Approving a council tax base for the purposes of tax setting is a legal requirement in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992.

Risk:

None arising directly from this report.

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| External Consultees: | There is no formal requirement to consult on setting of the council tax base. All towns and parishes were written to at the start of November informing them of their individual tax base, outlining the implications for their own precepts and tax levels, and requesting their precepts for 2024/25. |
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Strategic Plan Priorities

| Select the priorities of the Strategic Plan which are supported by this proposal: <i>(Select only one primary and as many secondary as appropriate)</i> | | Primary priority | Secondary priorities |
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| T01 | Growing our Economy | | |
| P01 | Build the right environment for East Suffolk | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P02 | Attract and stimulate inward investment | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P03 | Maximise and grow the unique selling points of East Suffolk | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P04 | Business partnerships | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P05 | Support and deliver infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| T02 | Enabling our Communities | | |
| P06 | Community Partnerships | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P07 | Taking positive action on what matters most | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P08 | Maximising health, well-being and safety in our District | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P09 | Community Pride | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| T03 | Maintaining Financial Sustainability | | |
| P10 | Organisational design and streamlining services | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P11 | Making best use of and investing in our assets | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| P12 | Being commercially astute | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P13 | Optimising our financial investments and grant opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| P14 | Review service delivery with partners | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| T04 | Delivering Digital Transformation | | |
| P15 | Digital by default | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| P16 | Lean and efficient streamlined services | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P17 | Effective use of data | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P18 | Skills and training | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P19 | District-wide digital infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| T05 | Caring for our Environment | | |
| P20 | Lead by example | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P21 | Minimise waste, reuse materials, increase recycling | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P22 | Renewable energy | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P23 | Protection, education and influence | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| XXX | Governance | | |
| XXX | How ESC governs itself as an authority | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

How does this proposal support the priorities selected?

The vision of the East Suffolk Strategic Plan is to “deliver the highest quality of life possible for everyone who lives in, works in and visits East Suffolk”. Council tax is one of the council’s key income streams and directly contributes to the Financial Sustainability theme. Calculation of the council tax base underpins that income stream and provides the basis for tax setting.

Background and Justification for Recommendation

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| 1 Background facts | |
| 1.1 | East Suffolk Council is required to approve its council tax base before 31 January 2024 so that the information can be provided to Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner for their budget processes. It also enables each Town and Parish Council to set their respective precepts. |
| 1.2 | The tax base for the area is the estimated number of chargeable dwellings expressed as a number of band D equivalents, adjusted for an estimated number of discounts, exemptions and appeals plus an allowance for non-collection. |
| 1.3 | Increases or reductions in the council tax base have financial implications for precepting authorities as their income from a given level of Band D council tax is either increased or reduced. The financial implications of the overall increase in the base this year are outlined in the report. As far as town and parish councils are concerned, the fact that growth in the number of properties and LCTRS reliefs are not evenly spread across the district means that some parishes have seen increases in their tax base, whilst others have seen decreases. |

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| 2 Current position | |
| 2.1 | The council tax base is the total taxable value at a point in time of all the domestic properties in the council’s area. It is an annual calculation and represents the estimated number of chargeable dwellings after allowing for exemptions and discounts, reliefs, projected changes in the property base and after applying an estimated collection rate. |
| 2.2 | The total taxable value referred to above is arrived at by each dwelling being placed in one of eight valuation bands (A – H) by the Valuation Office, with a statutorily set fraction then being applied in order to convert it to a ‘band D |

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| | equivalent' figure. These band D equivalent numbers are then aggregated at a district wide level and are also sub totalled for parishes. This calculation has to be done by the council responsible for sending the bills out and collecting the council tax ('the billing authority'). In two tier areas, district councils fulfil this function. |
| 2.3 | The council tax base is used in the calculation of council tax. Each authority divides the total council tax income it needs to meet its budget requirement by the tax base of its area to arrive at its band D council tax. The same fractions referred to in the previous paragraph are then used to work out the council tax for properties in each of the other bands. |
| 2.4 | The tax base for central government purposes is calculated as at 2 October 2023 as an extract from the council tax system. This information is submitted to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) on the Council Tax Base 1 (CTB1) return. This unadjusted tax base forms part of the basis for funding and allocation assumptions in the local government finance system, such as Revenue Support Grant and New Homes Bonus (NHB) allocations. However, it should be noted that the position on NHB for 2024/25 is unclear until the provision local government finance settlement later this month. |
| 2.5 | Calculation of the tax base for council tax setting purposes uses an updated CTB1 report at parish level and band D equivalents are adjusted to reflect changes as a result of any technical/LCTRS changes, forecast LCTRS reliefs, projected changes in the property base and predicted collection rates. |

3 How to address current situation

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| 3.1 | The CTB1 report shows the analysis of properties across the eight valuation bands for the following classifications of liability: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - properties attracting 100 per cent liability - properties attracting a premium, such as second homes - properties with an entitlement to a discount of 25, 50 or 100 per cent, such as disabled relief and single person discounts - properties that are exempt - LCTRS discounts. |
| 3.2 | To produce the council tax base for tax setting purposes the following areas are then reviewed in respect of current and future assumptions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Growth in number of properties - LCTRS discounts - Collection rate |
| 3.3 | Potential growth in the property base is based on assumed completions from sites within the local plan that are under construction. Growth in properties appears to be slowing and is less than estimated last year. A fall in estimated growth was last noted in the 2021/22 taxbase due to the pandemic. |
| 3.4 | In 2023/24 the value of LCTRS reliefs has continued to decline compared with the forecasts used this time last year in calculating the tax base. At this stage, no significant movements from the current position is assumed in calculating the 2024/25 tax base. |
| 3.5 | Collection rate – Council tax collection in the district has typically been at a very high level, and over the years the collection rate used in the tax base calculation has been increased to 99%. The Covid-19 pandemic did impact on collection rates and the collection rate used in the tax base calculation was revised downwards to 98.75% for 2021/22, before being increased to 99% again for 2022/23. In year |

| | monitoring of the position in 2023/24 indicates that collection is slightly down against target but within tolerance limits. The 99% collection rate is to be used in the calculation and maintained for 2024/25. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 3.6 | <p>Overall, the tax base for the district shows an increase of 677.81, or around 0.75%, on the tax base for the current year of 90,340.92 Band D equivalents. This overall increase in the tax base between 2023/24 and 2024/25 is summarised in the table below:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Summary of changes</th> <th>Band D</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Net growth in properties 2023/24</td> <td>646.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Decreased LCTRS Reliefs</td> <td>203.26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less growth in properties than estimated last year</td> <td>-115.94</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Increase in Bad Debt Provision due to Tax Base growth</td> <td>-7.41</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ministry of Defence properties (double counted - Sutton Heath)</td> <td>-49.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Net change in Band D properties</td> <td>677.81</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Summary of changes | Band D | Net growth in properties 2023/24 | 646.90 | Decreased LCTRS Reliefs | 203.26 | Less growth in properties than estimated last year | -115.94 | Increase in Bad Debt Provision due to Tax Base growth | -7.41 | Ministry of Defence properties (double counted - Sutton Heath) | -49.00 | Net change in Band D properties | 677.81 |
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| Net change in Band D properties | 677.81 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.7 | Appendix A shows the estimated 2024/25 council tax base for the district of 91,018.73 Band D equivalents by parish. This Appendix also shows the increase or decrease in the tax base by parish compared with 2023/24. Where the tax base of a parish has decreased, this is primarily due to factors in the calculation such as the value of discounts and reliefs and not a reduction in the physical number of properties. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

4 Reason/s for recommendation

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| 4.1 | To approve a council tax base for the purposes of tax setting as required by the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992. |
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Appendices

Appendices:

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| Appendix A | East Suffolk Council Tax Base 2024/25 by Town and Parish area |
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Background reference papers:

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| None. |
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Band D Equivalent Taxbase by Parish

| PARISH | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | Difference |
|--|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Aldeburgh | 1,899.17 | 1,902.89 | 3.72 |
| Alderton | 181.06 | 181.41 | 0.35 |
| Aldringham-Cum-Thorpe | 606.00 | 605.16 | -0.84 |
| All Saints & St. Nicholas, St. Michael and St. Peter S E | 98.83 | 102.04 | 3.21 |
| Badingham | 235.76 | 238.42 | 2.66 |
| Barnby | 214.86 | 216.64 | 1.78 |
| Barsham and Shipmeadow | 134.31 | 135.65 | 1.34 |
| Bawdsey | 198.00 | 210.89 | 12.89 |
| Beccles | 3,346.33 | 3,417.47 | 71.14 |
| Benacre | 32.02 | 33.00 | 0.98 |
| Benhall & Sternfield | 311.61 | 318.40 | 6.79 |
| Blaxhall | 112.93 | 114.84 | 1.91 |
| Blundeston and Flixton | 479.77 | 483.69 | 3.92 |
| Blyford and Sotherton | 71.90 | 73.14 | 1.24 |
| Blythburgh | 198.44 | 198.34 | -0.10 |
| Boulge | 14.48 | 14.48 | 0.00 |
| Boyton | 62.44 | 62.33 | -0.11 |
| Bramfield & Thorington | 197.96 | 199.95 | 1.99 |
| Brampton with Stoven | 157.53 | 156.57 | -0.96 |
| Brandeston | 146.98 | 149.31 | 2.33 |
| Bredfield | 151.22 | 158.61 | 7.39 |
| Brightwell, Foxhall & Purdis Farm | 998.79 | 991.44 | -7.35 |
| Bromeswell | 153.62 | 155.02 | 1.40 |
| Bruisyard | 71.81 | 72.50 | 0.69 |
| Bucklesham | 205.35 | 216.46 | 11.11 |
| Bungay | 1,668.62 | 1,684.00 | 15.38 |
| Burgh | 78.95 | 79.17 | 0.22 |
| Butley, Capel St Andrew & Wantisden | 118.69 | 118.26 | -0.43 |
| Campsea Ashe | 155.80 | 156.78 | 0.98 |
| Carlton Colville | 2,671.88 | 2,667.73 | -4.15 |
| Charsfield | 162.02 | 168.22 | 6.20 |
| Chediston, Linstead Magna & Linstead Parva | 157.72 | 153.23 | -4.49 |
| Chillesford | 75.96 | 75.82 | -0.14 |
| Clopton | 142.46 | 145.99 | 3.53 |
| Cookley & Walpole | 153.25 | 152.94 | -0.31 |
| Corton | 588.59 | 590.47 | 1.88 |
| Covehithe | 13.92 | 14.14 | 0.22 |
| Cransford | 67.77 | 71.31 | 3.54 |
| Cratfield | 152.30 | 154.05 | 1.75 |
| Cretingham, Hoo & Monewden | 208.88 | 214.14 | 5.26 |

| PARISH | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | Difference |
|--|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Dallinghoo | 82.88 | 81.79 | -1.09 |
| Darsham | 228.14 | 228.12 | -0.02 |
| Debach | 33.38 | 32.59 | -0.79 |
| Dennington | 239.53 | 239.01 | -0.52 |
| Dunwich | 85.66 | 92.04 | 6.38 |
| Earl Soham | 202.51 | 204.48 | 1.97 |
| Easton | 178.23 | 178.05 | -0.18 |
| Eyke | 151.75 | 152.82 | 1.07 |
| Felixstowe | 8,771.40 | 8,887.28 | 115.88 |
| Flixton, St. Cross S E & St. Margaret South Elmham | 167.77 | 166.69 | -1.08 |
| Framlingham | 1,644.19 | 1,643.45 | -0.74 |
| Friston | 208.50 | 209.85 | 1.35 |
| Frostenden, Uggeshall and South Cove | 172.91 | 171.31 | -1.60 |
| Gisleham | 248.94 | 255.05 | 6.11 |
| Great Bealings | 133.06 | 132.40 | -0.66 |
| Great Glemham | 102.19 | 102.77 | 0.58 |
| Grundisburgh & Culpho | 655.32 | 664.40 | 9.08 |
| Hacheston | 165.66 | 180.03 | 14.37 |
| Halesworth | 1,808.83 | 1,850.61 | 41.78 |
| Hasketon | 186.36 | 179.69 | -6.67 |
| Hemley | 26.41 | 26.73 | 0.32 |
| Henstead with Hulver Street | 138.11 | 140.35 | 2.24 |
| Heveningham | 61.42 | 60.34 | -1.08 |
| Hollesley | 507.88 | 519.48 | 11.60 |
| Holton | 311.80 | 310.83 | -0.97 |
| Homersfield | 59.58 | 60.97 | 1.39 |
| Huntingfield | 79.71 | 82.87 | 3.16 |
| Iken | 61.93 | 62.14 | 0.21 |
| Kelsale-cum-Carlton | 413.65 | 428.92 | 15.27 |
| Kesgrave | 4,826.19 | 4,843.74 | 17.55 |
| Kessingland | 1,439.26 | 1,449.86 | 10.60 |
| Kettleburgh | 108.33 | 108.03 | -0.30 |
| Kirton & Falkenham | 557.47 | 557.16 | -0.31 |
| Knodishall | 311.92 | 310.50 | -1.42 |
| Leiston | 1,957.72 | 1,987.29 | 29.57 |
| Letheringham | 42.41 | 42.52 | 0.11 |
| Levington & Stratton Hall | 125.14 | 122.81 | -2.33 |
| Little Bealings | 216.46 | 217.01 | 0.55 |
| Little Glemham | 66.78 | 69.89 | 3.11 |
| Lound | 127.74 | 134.89 | 7.15 |
| Lowestoft | 12,926.07 | 13,032.78 | 106.71 |
| Marlesford | 90.73 | 89.38 | -1.35 |
| Martlesham | 2,142.72 | 2,151.28 | 8.56 |
| Melton | 1,945.62 | 1,928.05 | -17.57 |

| PARISH | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | Difference |
|---|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Mettingham | 83.98 | 89.24 | 5.26 |
| Middleton | 209.69 | 211.66 | 1.97 |
| Mutford | 186.40 | 189.39 | 2.99 |
| Nacton | 341.61 | 340.43 | -1.18 |
| Newbourne | 112.65 | 113.73 | 1.08 |
| North Cove | 149.77 | 152.53 | 2.76 |
| Orford & Gedgrave | 401.90 | 396.59 | -5.31 |
| Otley | 327.59 | 331.12 | 3.53 |
| Oulton | 1,654.14 | 1,704.08 | 49.94 |
| Oulton Broad | 3,307.43 | 3,316.03 | 8.60 |
| Parham | 131.13 | 129.53 | -1.60 |
| Peasenhall | 245.78 | 248.41 | 2.63 |
| Pettistree | 87.12 | 85.36 | -1.76 |
| Playford | 110.97 | 112.10 | 1.13 |
| Ramsholt | 12.22 | 13.72 | 1.50 |
| Redisham | 61.82 | 62.51 | 0.69 |
| Rendham | 127.13 | 129.08 | 1.95 |
| Rendlesham | 941.76 | 955.48 | 13.72 |
| Reydon | 1,196.49 | 1,199.79 | 3.30 |
| Ringsfield and Weston | 221.74 | 228.08 | 6.34 |
| Rumburgh | 120.07 | 119.69 | -0.38 |
| Rushmere | 34.13 | 33.81 | -0.32 |
| Rushmere St Andrew | 2,607.03 | 2,617.95 | 10.92 |
| Saxmundham | 1,609.94 | 1,607.64 | -2.30 |
| Saxtead | 126.45 | 127.65 | 1.20 |
| Shadingfield, Sotterley, Willingham and Ellough | 182.31 | 178.58 | -3.73 |
| Shottisham | 83.44 | 86.44 | 3.00 |
| Sibton | 96.50 | 100.30 | 3.80 |
| Snape | 332.72 | 343.20 | 10.48 |
| Somerleyton, Ashby & Herringfleet | 163.68 | 163.51 | -0.17 |
| Southwold | 1,100.22 | 1,081.77 | -18.45 |
| Spexhall | 85.54 | 84.74 | -0.80 |
| St. Andrew Ilketshall | 116.03 | 114.63 | -1.40 |
| St. James South Elmham | 91.17 | 90.95 | -0.22 |
| St. John Ilketshall | 20.25 | 20.25 | 0.00 |
| St. Lawrence Ilketshall | 61.83 | 63.26 | 1.43 |
| St. Margaret Ilketshall | 70.34 | 69.85 | -0.49 |
| Stratford St Andrew and Farnham | 140.49 | 142.35 | 1.86 |
| Sudbourne | 186.37 | 187.33 | 0.96 |
| Sutton | 150.97 | 151.37 | 0.40 |
| Sutton Heath | 374.89 | 326.79 | -48.10 |
| Sweffling | 98.89 | 98.57 | -0.32 |
| Swiland & Winesham | 427.46 | 431.03 | 3.57 |
| Theberton | 150.78 | 153.41 | 2.63 |

| PARISH | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | Difference |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Trimley St Martin | 767.41 | 831.14 | 63.73 |
| Trimley St Mary | 1,268.02 | 1,279.25 | 11.23 |
| Tuddenham St Martin | 159.80 | 160.56 | 0.76 |
| Tunstall | 256.12 | 258.42 | 2.30 |
| Ubbeston | 45.10 | 46.33 | 1.23 |
| Ufford | 406.54 | 402.68 | -3.86 |
| Walberswick | 375.63 | 374.70 | -0.93 |
| Waldringfield | 255.28 | 259.56 | 4.28 |
| Wangford with Henham | 258.05 | 259.26 | 1.21 |
| Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet | 421.36 | 417.08 | -4.28 |
| Westerfield | 248.51 | 250.33 | 1.82 |
| Westhall | 136.42 | 133.70 | -2.72 |
| Westleton | 308.17 | 308.62 | 0.45 |
| Wickham Market | 829.10 | 842.92 | 13.82 |
| Wissett | 127.62 | 126.39 | -1.23 |
| Woodbridge | 3,389.95 | 3,378.86 | -11.09 |
| Worlingham | 1,298.40 | 1,296.33 | -2.07 |
| Wrentham | 379.37 | 385.24 | 5.87 |
| Yoxford | 357.01 | 358.28 | 1.27 |
| East Suffolk Council - Total | 90,340.92 | 91,018.73 | 677.81 |



CABINET

Tuesday, 05 December 2023

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| Subject | Parking Collection and National Pay Platform |
| Report by | Councillor Toby Hammond Cabinet Member with responsibility for Economic Development and Transport |
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| Is the report Open or Exempt? | OPEN |
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| Wards Affected: | All Wards |
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Purpose and high-level overview

Purpose of Report:

To seek approval on changes to the terms and conditions of the RingGo contract in readiness for the National Payment Platform (NPP).

The report also sets out to explain the NPP in section 2 below.

Options:

1. Not to sign up to the updated terms and conditions. This would mean that ESC would not have a contract to accept cashless payments as an early adopter of the NPP. As over 50% of the Council's parking income is derived through the cashless app, Ringo, this would have a significant impact on the council's income.
2. To sign up to the terms and conditions – in line with the new National Parking Platform initiative - which will allow visitors and residents to continue to use Ringo to

pay for parking and put the Council in a position to easily move over to the NPP, allowing users to pay through a cashless parking provider of their choice.

Recommendations:

1. That Cabinet approves Option 2 to agree changes proposed by RingGo to the terms and conditions of the current contract.
2. That Cabinet approve ESC joining the National Parking Platform ideally as part of the pilot scheme.

Corporate Impact Assessment

Governance:

Regular review meetings with the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Transport.

ESC policies and strategies that directly apply to the proposal:

Climate Emergency Declaration 2019

East Suffolk Strategic Plan 2020 – 2024

Environmental:

This proposal contributes to the environmental and carbon neutral aims of the East Suffolk Strategic Plan 2020-2024 where we promise to put environmental issues at the heart of everything, we do by providing a cashless parking solution, reducing the carbon emissions generated from collecting coins from machines and banking them.

Equalities and Diversity:

There is no impact to the proposed changes. ESC remains committed to providing motorists with a choice of whether to pay using cash or a cashless app in its car parks.

Financial:

In 2022/23 the 20p convenience fee charged by Ringo for each parking event cost the Council some £177,700. The estimated convenience fee cost for 2023/24 is £208,659.97.

Moving to the new terms and conditions required to join and take advantage of the benefits of the National Parking Platform would mean parking customers paying this small fee (as would happen with all other parking operators on the Platform) and result in an estimated saving of over half a million pounds over three years.

Human Resources:

No impact.

ICT:

No impact.

Legal:

No impact.

Risk:

If Cabinet decide not to approve the change to terms and conditions, then the Council will not be in a position to participate in the NPP at this time. Additionally, visiting customers wishing to park in East Suffolk car parks would have to download the Ringo App in addition to the NPP App/any other App they use in their home location (See Section 2.1 below).

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| External Consultees: | None required from the recommendations of this report. |
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Strategic Plan Priorities

This proposal recognises the importance of delivering enhanced services via digital transformation, whilst at the same time providing an alternative cash payment choice that satisfies our customers' demands.

Background and Justification for Recommendation

| 1 Background facts | |
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| 1.1 | The Council operates a total of 96 car parks across the district, offering cash and cashless payments at all. |
| 1.2 | A full review of cashless payment service providers was completed during 2019/20, and RingGo was determined the most appropriate partner at that time. |
| 2 Current position | |
| 2.1 | Currently, people parking in car parks across the country must use the app that is favoured by the car park operator. This creates a situation where motorists may have to download and log into many different apps, based on where they are parking. This creates inefficiency and inconvenience. The government's policy response is to establish the National Parking Platform (NPP). |
| 2.2 | The National Parking Platform (NPP) is a government facilitator for the open market. This means that, under the scheme, any app could be used to park in any car park. The motorist would only need to use one app – and the market would need to 'compete' to provide the best offer. |
| 2.3 | Authorities can join the platform by becoming 'members' of the NPP. Whilst it isn't mandatory, the Department for Transport are encouraging local authorities become members. |
| 2.4 | Currently East Suffolk Council absorbs the 20 pence convenience charge payable for each Ringo administered parking event directly, a decision taken previously to support the start up this cashless carparking service. This will need to change to the customer paying this fee as this is the wider expectation of NPP. |
| 2.5 | Therefore, under the updated terms and conditions of RingGo – and in readiness for the NPP – this will no longer be permitted, and motorists will have to pay the convenience charge themselves if they use this online service. |
| 2.6 | This 20 pence fee will not apply if a motorist is using cash to pay for their parking. |

| 3 How to address current situation | |
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| 3.1 | East Suffolk Council has an opportunity to apply to be one of the pilot areas for the National Parking Platform. |
| 3.2 | App providers are making changes to their terms and conditions in readiness for the migration to the NPP. All apps – such as RingGo – will need to comply with a common set of terms for the platform. One of these terms relates to the payment of the ‘administration fee.’ That is the fee that the motorist pays when they are using the app. In the case of RingGo – the convenience fee is 20 pence per parking event. |
| 3.3 | Currently East Suffolk Council absorbs this 20 pence charge directly and as explained above this will need to change to the customer paying this fee as this is the wider expectation of NPP. |

| 4 Reasons for recommendations | |
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| 4.1 | It is recommended that the council participates in the NPP scheme. |
| 4.2 | Joining the NPP provides more choice to users, making parking easier for residents and visitors. |
| 4.3 | ESC is required to adopt the change to terms and conditions with RingGo, its current provider. This is the result of the national policy change. |

Appendices

| Appendices: |
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| None. |

| Background reference papers: |
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| None. |



CABINET
Tuesday, 05 December 2023

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| Subject | Renewal of Dog Related Public Spaces Protection Orders |
| Cabinet Member | Councillor Rachel Smith-Lyte Cabinet Member with responsibility for The Environment |
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| Is the report Open or Exempt? | OPEN |
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| Category of Exempt Information and reason why it is NOT in the public interest to disclose the exempt information. | Not applicable |
| Wards Affected: | All Wards |

Purpose and high-level overview

Purpose of Report:

To renew or amend the three Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) due for renewal

Options:

- 1 To renew all three of the Dog Control PSPOs unamended
- 2 To renew the Exclusion of Dogs from Aldeburgh Beach and Dogs on Leads General PSPOs and amend Landguard Nature Reserve PSPO to extend to remove the items that are not related to anti-social behaviour.
- 3 To adopt a 'do nothing approach' and allow the PSPOs to expire

Recommendation/s:

1. That the renewal of both the Exclusion of Dogs from Aldeburgh Beach and Dogs on Leads General Public Space Protection Orders as detailed in Appendices E and G to the report be approved.
2. That the proposed amendments and renewal of the Landguard Nature Reserve Public Space Protection Order as detailed in Appendix F to the report be approved.

Corporate Impact Assessment

Governance:

As required under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, if Cabinet agrees to the implementation of a new PSPO, it will have to be publicised for a period of 20 days before it comes into force.

ESC policies and strategies that directly apply to the proposal:

Not applicable

Environmental:

These controls will have a positive environmental impact by ensuring our streets, green spaces and beaches are clean and safe.

Equalities and Diversity:

EQIA assessment has been being undertaken

Financial:

No financial implications as signage will be covered from existing budget

Human Resources:

No impact identified

ICT:

No impact identified

Legal:

The power to issue PSPOs is contained in the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (the Act). The Act requires consultation with parties likely to be affected by the new PSPO. The Act includes the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner as statutory consultees.

If a new PSPO is enacted, it will remain in place for a period of up to three years, after which time it will lapse unless renewed. There is no limit to the number of times a PSPO can be renewed. Each renewal will require consultation and formal approval.

If a new PSPO is not enacted it will lapse if not formally renewed at that time.

Risk:

In the absence of these PSPOs the proportionate control of dogs will be extremely problematic.

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| External Consultees: | Included in appendices A - D of the report |
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Strategic Plan Priorities

| Select the priorities of the Strategic Plan which are supported by this proposal: <i>(Select only one primary and as many secondary as appropriate)</i> | | Primary priority | Secondary priorities |
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| T01 | Growing our Economy | | |
| P01 | Build the right environment for East Suffolk | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P02 | Attract and stimulate inward investment | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P03 | Maximise and grow the unique selling points of East Suffolk | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P04 | Business partnerships | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P05 | Support and deliver infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| T02 | Enabling our Communities | | |
| P06 | Community Partnerships | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P07 | Taking positive action on what matters most | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P08 | Maximising health, well-being and safety in our District | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P09 | Community Pride | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| T03 | Maintaining Financial Sustainability | | |
| P10 | Organisational design and streamlining services | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P11 | Making best use of and investing in our assets | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P12 | Being commercially astute | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P13 | Optimising our financial investments and grant opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P14 | Review service delivery with partners | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| T04 | Delivering Digital Transformation | | |
| P15 | Digital by default | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P16 | Lean and efficient streamlined services | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P17 | Effective use of data | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| P18 | Skills and training | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P19 | District-wide digital infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| T05 | Caring for our Environment | | |
| P20 | Lead by example | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P21 | Minimise waste, reuse materials, increase recycling | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P22 | Renewable energy | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P23 | Protection, education and influence | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| XXX | Governance | | |
| XXX | How ESC governs itself as an authority | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| How does this proposal support the priorities selected? | | | |
| Placing effective controls on dogs and irresponsible dog owners links to the strategic priorities by using our regulatory functions and appropriate enforcement to protect our environment. | | | |

Background and Justification for Recommendation

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| 1 | Background facts |
| 1.1 | The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 introduced Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) to be used by district councils and their partners to address anti-social behaviour (ASB) in their local areas, replacing Dog Control Orders. |
| 1.2 | A PSPO is an Order that identifies the space to which it applies and can make requirements, or prohibitions, within that area where it is believed that they are reasonable in order to prevent or reduce detrimental impact |
| 1.3 | <p>Orders can be introduced in a specific public area where the local authority is satisfied on reasonable grounds that certain conditions have been met.</p> <p>The necessary test are –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • activities that have taken place have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, or it is likely that activities will take place and that they will have a detrimental effect. • the effect or likely effect of these activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ is, or is likely to be, persistent or continuing in nature ° ○ is, or is likely to be, unreasonable ○ justifies the restrictions being imposed <p>The Home Office statutory guidance, reissued in December 2017, states that proposed restrictions should focus on specific behaviours and be proportionate to the detrimental effect that the behaviour is causing or can cause, and are necessary to prevent it from continuing, occurring or recurring.</p> <p>A single PSPO can be used to target a range of different ASB issues. Orders allow councils to introduce reasonable prohibitions and/or requirements regarding certain behaviours within the specified public area, and may also include prescribed exemptions.</p> <p>As a minimum, each PSPO must set out:</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what the detrimental activities are • what is being prohibited and/or required, including any exemptions • the area covered • the consequences for breach • the period for which it has effect. |
| 1.4 | A PSPO can last for a maximum of three years, after which time a process of review and consultation must be undertaken to assess the need for the order to be extended by up to a further three years. There is no limit on the number of times that a PSPO may be extended. |
| 1.5 | Non-compliance with a PSPO represents an offence under section 67 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. On conviction, the maximum fine is set at level 3 (£1000). An authorised officer may issue a Fixed Penalty Notice for offences which. If accepted as an alternative to prosecution, will discharge any liability for the offence. The Fixed Penalty Charge is presently £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 10 days and it is proposed to retain that level of penalty as it is believed to be both proportionate and reasonable. |

2 Current position

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|-----|---|
| 2.1 | East Suffolk Council has presently 21 PSPOs for the Control of Dogs across the district, three now require review. |
| 2.2 | <p>In order to extend a PSPO, a local authority must be satisfied on reasonable grounds that doing so is necessary to prevent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The occurrence or recurrence after that time of the activities in the order; or • An increase in the frequency or seriousness of those activities after that time. <p>3 Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) were adopted in January 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach • Controls and restrictions on Dogs (and other activities) at Landguard Point • Dogs on Leads (General) <p>Details in Appendix E.</p> |
| 2.3 | <p>The PSPOs up for review fall into three categories</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dog exclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • from Aldeburgh Beach 2. Dogs On Leads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landguard Nature Reserve • The pedestrianised areas in the centre of Lowestoft, Beccles and Halesworth • The Green at The Street adjacent to Blacksmith’s Loke, Lound • All sports grounds, fields and pitches at the western part of Beccles Common adjacent to the North side of Common Lane, adjacent to |

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| | <p>the East side of the railway line and adjacent to the Northern and Southern sides of The Avenue for its entire length.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All cemeteries, churchyards, and burial grounds <p>3. Other activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landguard Nature Reserve |
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| 3 How to address current situation | |
|---|---|
| 3.1 | Prior to extending or amending a PSPO, the council is obliged to undertake consultation with Parish and Town Councils, the relevant Landowners, District Councillors, the Chief Constable, the Police and Crime Commissioner and the County Council |
| 3.2 | A consultation exercise for the three due for review took place starting 25 th September through to 13 th November 2023. In addition, we placed the consultation on our web site and issued a press release. Consultees included all District Councillors, Town and Parish councils, the Police, County Council, the Kennel Club, the Dogs Trust, the RSPCA and the St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocese. An email was sent out on the 25 September 2023 asking for the recipients to complete a questionnaire. |
| 3.3 | In total 101 comments were received from members of the public, the police, councillors, Parish and Town Councillors, Landowners and Managers, Dog and the Kennel club. They have been summarised in Appendix C and detailed in Appendix D. |
| 3.4 | There was overwhelming support for the renewal of the PSPOs, with 82% of the responses being in favour. |
| 3.5 | There are no proposed amendments to the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dogs on Aldeburgh PSPO or ○ Dogs on Leads (General) PSPO other than providing clearer maps for identification of the relevant areas. |
| 3.6 | <p>Landguard Point Nature Reserve PSPO</p> <p>The Landguard Trust who manages the Landguard Nature Reserve have asked by way of letter (Appendix B) if the dogs on lead section of the PSPO covering the southern part of the area be changed to dog exclusion.</p> <p>However, in further discussions with the officers at the Trust accepted that the evidence did not currently support this approach and they will look at other options available to them to manage this.</p> |
| 3.7 | The present Landguard Point Nature Reserve PSPO will be renamed the Landguard Nature Reserve PSPO to reflect the correct title of the reserve. |

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| 3.8 | <p>The present Landguard Point Nature Reserve PSPO has a number of controls that have little relevance to anti-social behaviour and are covered by other legislation. The Landguard Trust have provided reasons for the inclusion of these items in the PSPO these can be seen in Appendix A.</p> <p>However, the Nature Reserve is a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and a scheduled Monument (SM) and as such benefits from controls emanating from legislation that protects such designated land. The Nature Reserve has its own management plan relating to how it manages the site which also includes some controls.</p> <p>This report proposes revisions to the present PSPO to make it more relevant to anti-social behaviour, bringing it more in line with the other dog control PSPOs in East Suffolk, avoiding duplication of legislation and making it more enforceable by East Suffolk Council.</p> <p>In discussions with the The Landguard Trust they have asked us to keep in the PSPO the main recurring antisocial issues.</p> <p>These being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • loose dogs, • Fires (specifically disposable BBQs), • flying of kites and aircraft such as drones, • Driving on the nature reserve, • Camping • Abuse of Landguard Trust staff or their agents. <p>This approach is supported and the recommended revised PSPO can be seen in Appendix F.</p> |
| 3.9 | <p>Other comments included in the consultation included a number asking more effective enforcement and better signage. We will examine how to address the enforcement issue and we will be rolling out new signage for all our PSPOs over the coming year.</p> |
| 3.10 | <p>Comments were also received from the Kennel Club and Dogs Trust and can be seen in Appendix H.</p> |

| 1 Reason/s for recommendation | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| 4.1 | <p>Without these orders in place the council has no authority to legally enforce in these areas. All the areas specified in this report are fundamental to the protection and enjoyment of the district's public spaces.</p> |
| 4.2 | <p>The changes to the Landguard Nature Reserve PSPO bring it more in line with the other dog control PSPOs within East Suffolk and in line with the original intentions behind Public Spaces Protection Orders.</p> |

Appendices

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| Background reference papers: | | |
|------------------------------|--|----------------|
| Date | Type | Available From |
| June 2022 | Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014: Anti-social behaviour powers Statutory guidance for frontline professionals | Home Office |

Appendix A

Comments received from the Landguard Trust – as a Result of 2023 Consultation

1. the Suffolk Wildlife Trust - This should be removed as SWT have not managed the reserve for a great many years.

Prohibitions in for the area mapped in Schedule B

2. Dogs on Leads - Unfortunately owners still allow their dogs off lead in the restricted areas and very often use leads exceeding 2m which reduce control of the animal around sensitive areas.
3. Fishing - This is sometimes necessary when birds nest close to favoured fishing spots. Fishing away from the cordons is preferable as the bait used can attract predators like gulls who then predate on young plover chicks

Prohibitions in for the area mapped in Schedule B

4. *Allowing dogs to disturb* - We regularly have issues with dog owners allowing their dogs to deliberately chase and catch rabbits and allowing them to chase / disturb feeding and nesting birds
5. *Removing any soil* - Related to preventing harm to SSSI and SM and avoiding unexploded ordinance
6. *Metal Detecting* - Related to preventing harm to SSSI and SM and avoiding unexploded ordinance
7. *Taking, disturbing, injuring or destroying any living creature* - Rabbiting using lamps, snares and guns is known to occur occasionally
8. *Removing, cutting or damaging any plant* - All plants are protected from uprooting by the WCA 1981. Additionally no plants can be cut, picked, uprooted or deliberately damaged on a SSSI without permission. Plant collection can be an issue during the growing season and is something we regularly talk to visitors about
9. *Flying any kite, hang-glider, rocket, model aircraft, drone* - Kite flying is prohibited for 2 reasons. 1 it is disturbing to ground nesting birds. 2 due to unpredictable coastal winds, kites and pose a risk of injury to visitors
10. *Playing any game likely to cause a disturbance to wildlife* - Group sports such as football, rugby and golf can be damaging to the SSSI. Ground and plants can be disturbed and damaged and noise can disturb wildlife such as ground nesting birds, seals etc Additionally crowd games and loud music is disturbing to visitors and wildlife

11. *Lighting any fire, stove, heater* - The habitats at Landguard are very dry by nature and fires and BBQS pose a wildfire risk. Additionally hot coals and embers are often left behind which pose a risk of injury to both visitors and wildlife

12. *Vehicles* - Only vehicles operated by the Landguard Trust staff, contractors, emergency services, people using mobility scooters and volunteers are allowed to access Landguard. Electric bikes, mopeds, quads, and remote control vehicles are restricted for safety reasons and to protect the SSSI and SM

13. *Camping* - Camping or caravanning is prohibited at Landguard to protect the SSSI and SM. Often when this occurs, those doing so collect brash and or light fires which are not permitted either

Maps in Schedule B and C

14. The boundaries on the maps do not fully reflect the nature reserve and needs to be amended to cover the beach area where birds feed on the shoreline and seals rest

Appendix B

Letter Received from the Landmark Trust January 2023

Landguard & Felixstowe Conservation Trust
HHBC Bungalow
Landguard Nature Reserve
Viewpoint Road
Felixstowe
Suffolk
IP11 7PA

Monday January 2nd, 2023

Dear Environmental Protection Team,

Consultation on proposed renewal of Public Space Protection Orders – Felixstowe Beach

I am writing on behalf of the Landguard & Felixstowe Conservation Trust who oversee the management of Landguard Nature Reserve and are in the process of acquiring a lease for this area from East Suffolk Council.

As part of the review and public consultation of PSPO's due for renewal in 2023, including the 'Exclusion of dogs from Felixstowe beach' dog control order, which prohibits dogs in restricted areas from May 1st to September 30th, we would like you to consider extending the Felixstowe beach area to include the southern section of Landguard Nature Reserve SSSI, to the renewed order (see attached map highlighting area in red).

Landguard's own PSPO, which does not ban dogs from beaches, is not due to expire until 2024, however for the reasons outlined below we would like to trial a dog ban in 2023 with a view to assess whether to change the Landguard PSPO in 2024 when it is renewed.

The prohibited period coincides with the peak ground nesting bird period, during which time we believe the current Felixstowe Beach exclusion, combined with an increase in residential development and growing population, pushes more dog walkers further along the coast to the most ecologically sensitive areas of the Nature Reserve and that extending the exclusion zone to include the south section of the Nature Reserve would greatly support our efforts to increase bird breeding success, reduce wildlife disturbance and minimise habitat degradation of the SSSI.

One of the sites most sensitive birds is the Ringed plover. Ringed plover breed at Landguard and choose their nesting sites on the ground amongst the rare, vegetated shingle habitat. They are protected by the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 and are a red list species, due to their declining population and are therefore a conservation priority.

Ringed plover unlike tree nesting birds, do not collect material to construct their nests in the branches of trees, but instead scrape shallow depressions in the shingle and lay their eggs directly on to the ground. Their eggs are very small and perfectly blend into the shingle environment making them very difficult to see, and so each year volunteers erect temporary

post and rope cordons to create a barrier around potential nest sites, to help protect the birds and their delicate nests. This helps to reduce the possibility of nests being accidentally trampled and allows vegetation to recover in the absence of foot pressure.

Like many breeding birds, the Ringed plover are hypervigilant. Constantly looking for predators and danger and dogs are perceived as a huge threat.

Adult birds, nests and chicks are incredibly sensitive to recreational pressure including disturbance from people and dogs. During the nesting period, the presence of dogs can cause the bird to leave the nest unattended, resulting in prolonged periods of cooling that can leave eggs unviable or increase the period of incubation. If regularly disturbed the adult can sometimes abandon the nest containing eggs/and or chicks, therefore increasing predation opportunities.

Additionally, the Ringed plover is a wading bird that feeds on invertebrates, marine worms, crustaceans, and molluscs and as such need to feed on the beach and strandline. When disturbed, as well as the above-mentioned consequences, the adult bird will continuously alarm call to encourage any young to hide. This behaviour prevents them from feeding and can result in the loss of young. Alarm calling can also attract predators.

The post and rope cordons erected each season help reduce the likelihood of nests being trampled but do not prevent disturbance from dog walkers.

Ringed plover is an iconic species here at Landguard, and we hope that they continue to successfully breed here for many years to come, however their breeding success is very much dependent on being able to reduce disturbance.

We believe it would be helpful for the Felixstowe Beach PSPO to include the southern section of Landguard Nature Reserve, as it would hopefully be seen by the public as an extension of an existing rule rather than a new rule being imposed. Alongside the extended exclusion zone, we would continue to encourage visitors to walk their dogs on fixed leads across the remainder of the southern section as is which is managed in our existing PSPO by patrols, signage, and social media.

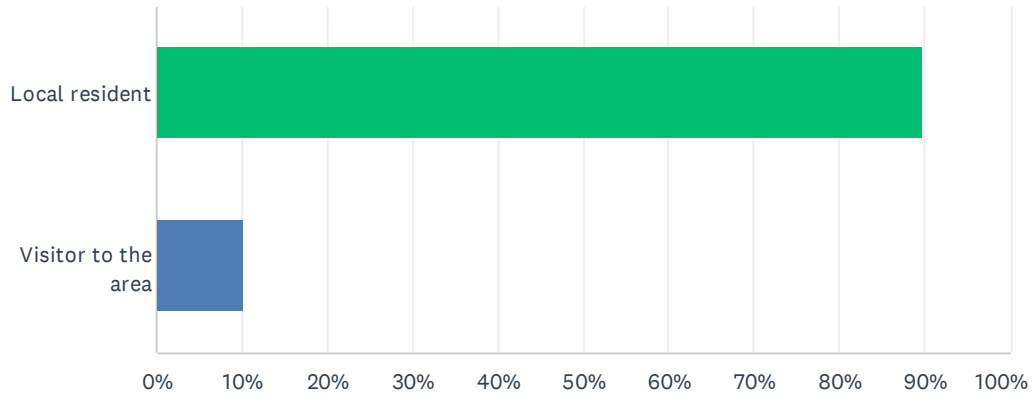
Sincerely,

Leonie Washington – Landguard Nature Reserve Ranger
(On behalf of the Landguard & Felixstowe Conservation Trust)



Q1 Are you a

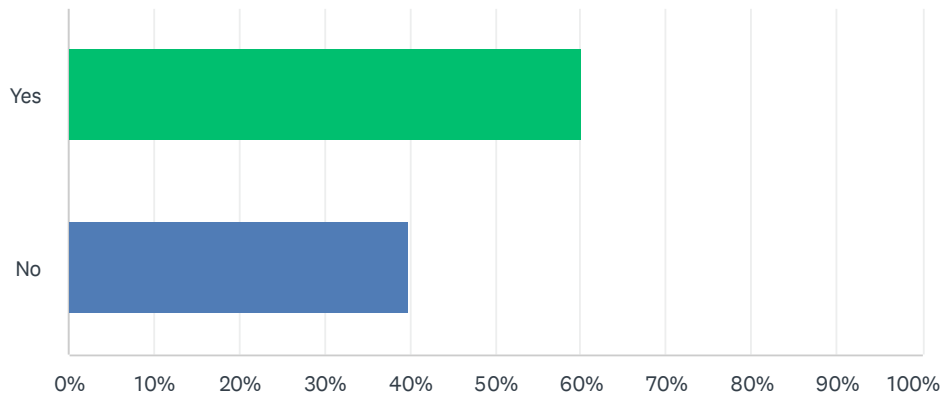
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Local resident | 89.80% | 88 |
| Visitor to the area | 10.20% | 10 |
| TOTAL | | 98 |

Q2 Do you own a dog?

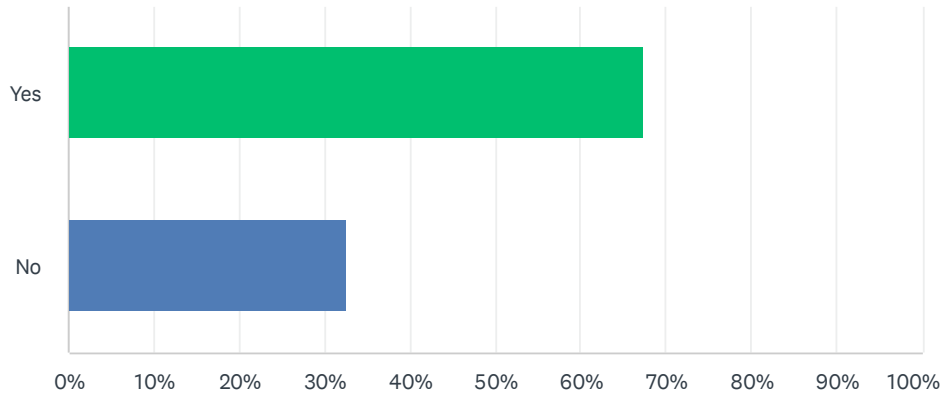
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| Yes | 60.20% | 59 |
| No | 39.80% | 39 |
| TOTAL | | 98 |

Q3 Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

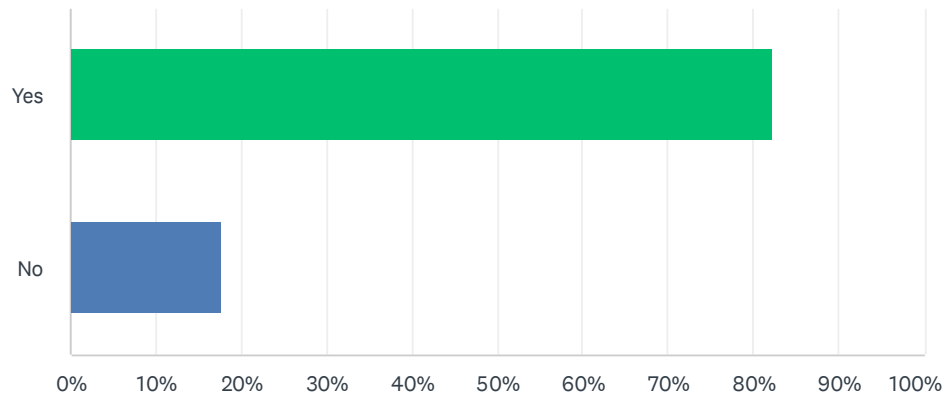
Answered: 95 Skipped: 3



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|----|
| Yes | 67.37% | 64 |
| No | 32.63% | 31 |
| TOTAL | | 95 |

Q4 Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

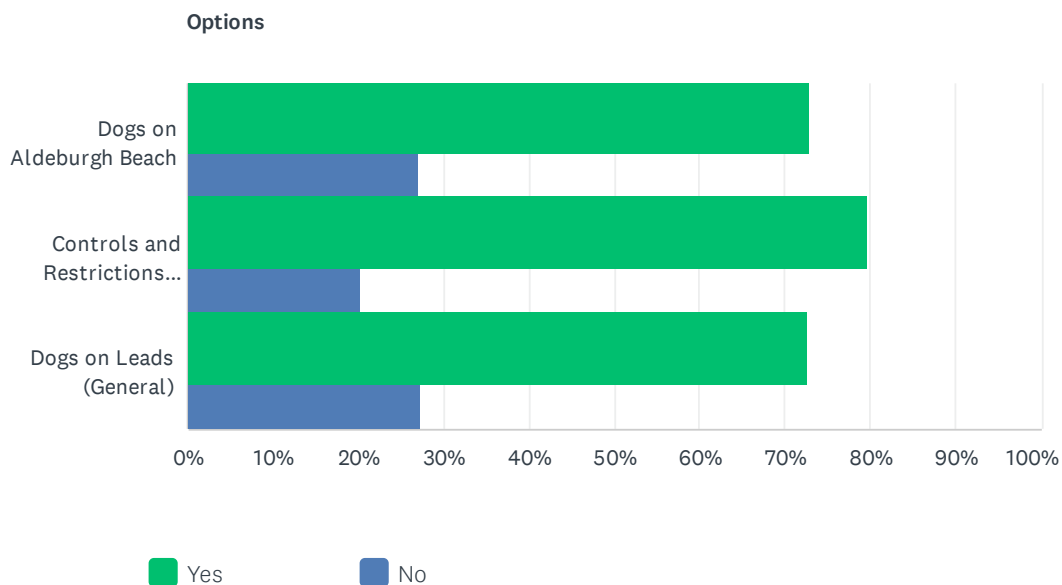
Answered: 96 Skipped: 2



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Yes | 82.29% 79 |
| No | 17.71% 17 |
| Total Respondents: 96 | |

Q5 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Answered: 97 Skipped: 1



| Options | YES | NO | TOTAL |
|---|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach | 72.84% 59 | 27.16% 22 | 81 |
| Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point | 79.78% 71 | 20.22% 18 | 89 |
| Dogs on Leads (General) | 72.73% 64 | 27.27% 24 | 88 |

Q6 Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

Answered: 50 Skipped: 48

#1

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Q1 **Visitor to the area**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **No,**
 Comment:
 Far too restrictive and puts off visitors with dogs.

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **No,**
 Any comments?:
 Increasing numbers of visitors have dogs, so should be more valued. Restrictions prevent responsible dog owners from properly enjoying the area.

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5

Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **No**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **No**

Dogs on Leads (General) **No**

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#2

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **No**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#3

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **No**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **No**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **No**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Comments:
Dogs should be allowed on the beach all year round. They are part of the family.

Q6
Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

Dogs on leads in built up areas I agree with. Banning dogs from being on beaches isn't right to me.

#4

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General)

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#5

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **No**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **No,**
Comment:
 Too many different g owners disobey

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6
 Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

No

#6

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6
 Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

Signage needs to be clearer. Poo bag dispensers would be welcome - other places I've been have them at popular dog walk locations and the difference is noticeable

#7

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **No**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **No,**
 Comment:
 Too many dogs not on leads along the prom and on beaches at Felixstowe

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6
 Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

Na

#8

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **No**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **No,**
Comment:
People regularly ignore the 'dogs on leads' rule on Lowestoft promenade

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point

Dogs on Leads (General) **No**

Comments:
Dogs should always be kept on leads in public spaces

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#9

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes,**
 Comment:
 Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?
 The vast majority of residents and visitors adhere to the existing controls, which make for a valued coexistence between dog owners and non dog owners. Obviously there will unfortunately always be a few people who ignore and sort of control .

Q4 **Yes,**
 Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?
 Any comments?:
 It currently works well.

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

| | Options |
|---|------------|
| Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach | Yes |
| Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point | Yes |
| Dogs on Leads (General) | Yes |

Comments:
 Clearer signage needed regarding whether dogs can be on/off lead in all areas.

Q6

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

N/A

#10

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **No,**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Any comments?:

I'd like to see dog's welcome on beaches throughout the year not just specific times

Q5

Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **No**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **No**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6
 Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

I would like the time of the restrictions to begin at the start of April so that the Easter holiday is included

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#13

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **No,**
Comment:
Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?
We steadfastly stick to the exclusion zone at Aldeburgh but there are dogs on the beach - mostly off lead - every day of the summer. We walk our dog on Crag Path daily. It's not being enforced, so while we obey the ban, others are enjoying time on the beach with their dogs. They even walk over the signs on the entrances to the beach and pretend they don't notice.

Q4 **No,**
Any comments?:
Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?
Not while a large property are flouting the rules. The exclusion zone should be smaller. There is enough room to do this effectively. In the West Country the dog free zones are relatively small - there are so many families with dogs now. And a few fines need to be given out.

Q5

Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach

No

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point

Dogs on Leads (General)

Yes

Comments:

Fine more people whose dogs are off leads. Ours was attacked last week at Dunwich and my husband managed to get our dog out of harms way eventually but the other dog owner has no control of his dog.

Q6

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

They need tweaking. Aldeburgh smaller. And more dogs owners fined for being inside exclusion zones or not having their dog on a lead. It's not working at the moment.

#14

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **No**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **No**

Q6
 Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

No

#15

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **No**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes,**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Comment:

Include Woodbridge & Shingle street, seeing dogs foul on streets & beach is so sad. Loose dogs whilst shopping or eating is increasing and makes me nervous to visit these places. Please keep up the great work

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **No**

Comments:

People letting dogs walk around unleashed it's scary if you've been attacked previously, just be because their dog is kind to them it might not be for me!!

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#16

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#17

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes,**
Comment:
I do however feel they should be used a mutual respect guidelines and not enforced. Most people know through years of signage you shouldn't take dogs on beach (in certain areas), during the peak of summer. Or if you see a dog on a lead, you should put yours on just in case. I do believe that there are very few places that dogs can run around and play and this should also be thought of and not taken away.

Q4 **No,**
Any comments?:
I feel encouragement of understanding dog behaviour and training should be encouraged. Often a nervous owner will misread their dogs needs and language.

Q5

Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

| | Options |
|---|------------|
| Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach | Yes |
| Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point | Yes |
| Dogs on Leads (General) | No |

Q6

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

Dogs need space to be dogs. We have tried to humanise them. Yes they need to be trained and safe. Yes we need to be respectful. And we also need to let them be dogs, by allowing them areas to frolic.

#18

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General)

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#19

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Q1 Visitor to the area

Are you a

Q2 Yes

Do you own a dog?

Q3 Yes

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 Yes

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General)

Q6 Respondent skipped this question

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#20

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes,**
 Comment:
 Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?
 A totally clean beach during the summer months is very important for everyone. This control causes very little inconvenience. Picking up after dogs on shingle is not easy.

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

| | Options |
|---|------------|
| Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach | Yes |
| Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point | Yes |
| Dogs on Leads (General) | Yes |

Q6
 Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

They seem reasonable.

#21

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes,**
Comment:
 Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?
 I know where I am allowed to walk my dogs and I never see other dogs off the lead where they shouldn't be.

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6
 Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

No

#22

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#23

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Q1 **Local resident**
 Are you a

Q2 **Yes**
 Do you own a dog?

Q3 **No,**
 Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?
 Comment:
 Dogs off lead and other restrictions are ignored by many and not enforced. not enforced

Q4 **Yes,**
 Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?
 Any comments?:
 PSPO's are required but need to be enforced if the are to have credibility.

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **No**

Dogs on Leads (General)

Comments:
 We would like to see dogs excluded from the southern section of Landguard Nature reserve due to its nationally important habitat (SSSI) and importance for ground nesting birds.

Q6

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

If the Council put PSPO's and other restrictions in place they need to enforce them, as they do parking, very diligently.

#24

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **No**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **No,**
Comment:
 Enforcement is quite inconsistent.

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5

Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **No**

Comments:
 The dogs on leads restrictions should be extended to all public spaces throughout the district.

Q6

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

Dogs being allowed off-lead in public spaces such as parks or on the street can be quite intimidating to other members of the public, and may discourage some people from making use of public facilities. Dog owners are typically extremely irresponsible and exercise little or no control over their dogs.

#25

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **No**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **No,**
 Comment:
 the PSPO is not working as there is no enforcement

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5

Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

I can only comment on Landguard, it needs inforcement to be carried out at all times of day all year round as I dog's off leads almost every day.

#26

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **No**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **No,**
Comment:
Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?
The main problem I experience as a user of Landguard nature reserve is dogs off lead and dog fouling. I have witnessed the Ranger challenging dog owners to keep their dog on a lead, however on the two occasions I have seen this happen the dog owner has verbally attacked the ranger and the dogs stay off lead. I have also seen dog poo in multiple spots and also dog poo in a bag left on the ground. I feel that prosecutions need to be made to set an example as the pspo doesn't mean anything if it isn't enforced.

Q4 **Yes,**
Any comments?:
Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?
The PsPo helps to protect the nature reserve and also helps create a safe people to walk without the fear of a dog running up to them, or knock them over. I have witnessed an elderly person being knocked over by a dog running off lead.

Q5

Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point

Yes

Dogs on Leads (General)

Comments:

I think it can be confusing that part of landguard has pspo and part doesn't. I feel it would be better for the whole of the common / nature reserve to have pspo

Q6

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

Enforcement of the pspo needs to happen for it to be taken seriously. The general public don't pay any attention, I bet they would if there was a prosecution.

#27

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Q1 **Visitor to the area**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **No,**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Any comments?:
Yes to Landguard Point and Dogs on Leads (General). No to Aldeburgh Beach.

Q5
Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6
Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

Please could the renewal of Restriction of Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach be considered to not be renewed?

#28

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|--|---|
| Q1 | Local resident |
| Are you a | |
| Q2 | No |
| Do you own a dog? | |
| Q3 | No, |
| Do you think that the controls under review generally work well? | Comment: I frequently walk in Lowestoft and see people with their dogs off leads, in town, in parks etc. |
| Q4 | Yes, |
| Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs? | Any comments?: All public parks and play areas should be covered. |
| Q5 | |
| Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review | |

| | Options |
|---|------------|
| Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach | Yes |
| Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point | Yes |
| Dogs on Leads (General) | No |

Q6

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

There should also be an addition that as well as keeping dog on leash, dog poo bags must be disposed off properly. The amount I see thrown into hedges, left hanging off branches etc is disgusting

#29

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **No**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **No,**
Comment:
OK for most but lack of enforcement of those who ignore the rules

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **No**

Dogs on Leads (General)

Comments:
Slight alterations needed

Q6

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

Please consult Landguard Ranger for "tweaking" needed.

#30

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **No**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **No,**
 Comment:
 Often see dogs off leads on beaches

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **No,**
 Any comments?:
 Should be April - October

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5

Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **No**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **No**

Dogs on Leads (General) **No**

Comments:
 Extend the period and police better

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#31

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Q1 **Visitor to the area**

Are you a

Q2 **No**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes,**
 Comment:
 However the order has no teeth to stop regular offenders.
 No prosecutions to date

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes,**
 Any comments?:
 Including proper enforcement

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5

Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **No**

Dogs on Leads (General) **No**

Comments:
 All dogs should be on leads . Look at the un cleared dog mess at the Butts . The has no idea of this happening with dogs off leads.

Q6

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

Hopefully one day the power of PSPO's will be improved

#32

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes,**
Comment:
 Only know about Languard Nature Reserve

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5

Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

Generally work ok

#33

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point

Dogs on Leads (General)

Q6
Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

Comment as agreed Aldeburgh Town Council Committees Meeting held 25/9/23

#34

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **No,**
Comment:
People seem to egnor them

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5

Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

Why not have a dog play area for those with dogs in Felixstowe to be allowed of a lead

#35

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Q1 **Local resident**
 Are you a

Q2 **No**
 Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes,**
 Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?
 Comment:
 Would rather the summer prohibition was longer, from beginning of April till end of October

Q4 **Yes**
 Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

| | Options |
|---|------------|
| Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach | Yes |
| Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point | Yes |
| Dogs on Leads (General) | Yes |

Q6
 Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?
 I would like these enforced so that dogs are not off their leads at the times specified. It appears sometimes that some owners cannot read or understand why the restrictions are in place!

#36

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **No**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#37

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#38

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **No**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **No**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Comments:
 Think it's ok if dogs allowed off lead during winter

Q6
 Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

No though not sure if languard fort area is enforced as often see dogs off lead in the wildlife area even though there are signs

#39

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6
 Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

No

#40

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Q1 **Local resident**
 Are you a

Q2 **Yes**
 Do you own a dog?

Q3 **No,**
 Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?
 Comment:
 Dogs should be on leads in all public areas

Q4 **No,**
 Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?
 Any comments?:
 On leads should cover more areas

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

| | Options |
|---|-----------|
| Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach | No |
| Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point | No |
| Dogs on Leads (General) | No |

Comments:
 Need to cover wider areas

Q6

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

All need to restrict dogs not on a lead more

#41

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **No**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6
 Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

No

#42

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- Q1** **Local resident**
 Are you a
-
- Q2** **No**
 Do you own a dog?
-
- Q3** **No,**
 Comment:
 Dog owners need more incentives to keep their dogs under control
 Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?
-
- Q4** **Yes,**
 Any comments?:
 More areas should have these restrictions for dog owners
 Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?
-
- Q5**
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

| | Options |
|---|------------|
| Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach | Yes |
| Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point | Yes |
| Dogs on Leads (General) | Yes |

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**
 Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#43

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#44

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#45

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6
Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

Keeping dogs on leads in public spaces is beneficial for the dogs' welfare as well as for the safety and wellbeing of people. Having dedicated and clearly demarcated areas where dogs can be off-lead that is away from the road and children's' play areas is helpful for all.

#46

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6
 Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

If all dogs were kept on leads then taking my own dog for a walk would be a lot more pleasant and stress free. He is never let off the lead in public but is stressed by other dogs coming up to him uninvited because they are off a lead and not under full control.

#47

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **No**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Comments:
 Shared spaces for all - shouldn't be dominated by dog owners letting their dogs off leads

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#48

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Q1 **Local resident**
 Are you a

Q2 **No**
 Do you own a dog?

Q3 **No,**
 Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?
 Comment:
 People don't respect them, let dogs run free, fail to control them or clean up behind them

Q4 **Yes,**
 Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?
 Any comments?:
 More controls needed

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

| | Options |
|---|------------|
| Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach | Yes |
| Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point | Yes |
| Dogs on Leads (General) | Yes |

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**
 Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#49

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Q1 **Local resident**
 Are you a

Q2 **No**
 Do you own a dog?

Q3 **No,**
 Comment:
 Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?
 Don't go far enough in ensuring dog owners correctly control their dogs.

Q4 **Yes**
 Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

| | Options |
|---|---------|
| Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach | No |
| Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point | Yes |
| Dogs on Leads (General) | No |

Comments:
 too many dogs are not controlled when off the lead, they should be required to be on a lead in more public areas

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**
 Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#50

COMPLETE

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **No**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **No**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#51

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **No**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **No,**
Comment:
Dogs need to be on a lead on Felixstowe prom and in the gardens. Additionally this needs to be enforced by real fines. The educational approach has been adopted since the gardens were restored, but it has not worked.

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5 **Respondent skipped this question**

Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Q6
Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

As above regarding dogs in felixstowe

#52

COMPLETE

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Q1 **Visitor to the area**

Are you a

Q2 **No**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **No,**
Comment:
too many dogs are left free to roam and poo everywhere

Q4 **Yes,**
Any comments?:
it should be included on other areas where the public walk, sit etc. Im a regular visitor to suffolk and too many dogs are left to run around on beaches and poo. Owners do not pick it up. I see them smile with embarrassment and just walk away. Poo is poisonous, it spreads on shoes, not healthy for children to touch, can cause death and illness. people see public areas as toilets for their dogs. It is funny how they dont want their animals to poo in their own gardens but happy to do it elsewhere. also dogs can be unpredictable and the public are strangers so the dogs can react to any situation when they feel threatened. the owners wont be able to control their animals on time.

Q5

Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

| | Options |
|---|------------|
| Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach | Yes |
| Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point | No |
| Dogs on Leads (General) | No |

Comments:

Dogs should be kept on leads covering most of Felixstowe beach.owners see public places as toilets for their animals. the boundaries should be extended.

Q6

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

Dogs should be banned from roaming free from all beaches from February to October inclusive. Too many times I see owners not pickinh up the poo. Fed up of seeing poo on pavements. Please provide more bins as people are too lazy too walk a further 10mins etc to dispose.

#53

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **No**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Comments:
 Although there is no point having these restrictions if they aren't enforced.

Q6
 Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

They strike a good balance but need enforcement.

#54

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **No**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6
 Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

Who police's these controls

#55

COMPLETE

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Q1 Visitor to the area

Are you a

Q2 Yes

Do you own a dog?

Q3 Yes

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 Yes

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6 Respondent skipped this question

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#56

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **No**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **No**

Dogs on Leads (General) **No**

Q6
 Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

Dog owner should be held to account without punishing the dogs or restricting their activities

#57

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **No**

Comments:
 In certain areas in woods and in populated areas dogs should be allowed off lead. Dings should be allowed to run

Q6
 Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

No

#58

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#59

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IP Address: 81.178.202.126

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **No,**
Comment:
 I think banning dogs from aldeburgh beach would take away trade to the area. I wouldn't visit if the dog couldn't have a walk with us on the beach

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **No**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **No**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **No**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#60

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **No,**
 Comment:
 ALDEBURGH beach area dog free is too extensive

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **No**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5

Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **No**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#61

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IP Address: 82.15.70.27

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **No,**
 Comment:
 As long as dogs are under control and well behaved then let them off the lead

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **No**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5

Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **No**

Dogs on Leads (General) **No**

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#62

COMPLETE

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **No**

Comments:
 Dogs should be on leads in all public spaces

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#63

COMPLETE

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IP Address: 86.168.175.58

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **No**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6
Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

Lowestoft Town Council are responding to this consultation and support the extension of the PSPO Dogs on Lead, particularly at the Great Eastern Linear Park and Triangle Market which is land in its ownership.

#64

COMPLETE

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IP Address: 31.49.130.14

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#65

COMPLETE

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **No**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **No**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **No**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **No**

Dogs on Leads (General) **No**

Q6
 Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

I think these rules are discriminatory, if u pickup after your dog and have them u der your control there is no issue.

#66

COMPLETE

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **No**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#67

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **No**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Comments:
 There should be additional orders for other sections of beach within East Suffolk

Q6

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

They are sensible and work well, and given this, the use of PSPOs should be considered for other areas with the East Suffolk council area.

#68

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **No**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Comment:**
Possibly

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes,**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Any comments?:
Walk our dog along prom 3 times a day..never seen a problem

Q5

Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **No**

Dogs on Leads (General)

Comments:
Never seen a problem whilst walking dog 3 times a day along prom from Cobb point to Near Languard

Q6

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

Our dogs in Felixstowe are generally well behaved. Never seen a problem. Keeping them off the central beaches works..however ..often dogs from camper vans are let out and dog fowl is not collected. This is simply a fact that neighbours and I have noted and asked..and been refused ..for owners to clean up.

#70

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **No**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **No**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **No**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **No**

Dogs on Leads (General) **No**

Comments:
 Too restrictive

Q6
 Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

Remove these PSPOs

#71

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#72

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **No**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **No,**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Any comments?:

You wouldn't dictate to parents to control children. I am a dog owner and parent

Q5

Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach

No

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point

No

Dogs on Leads (General)

Yes

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#73

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **No**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes,**
 Comment:
 Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?
 With apparently increasing numbers of dogs, if anything stronger controls are needed

Q4 **Yes,**
 Any comments?:
 Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?
 Preferably increase the areas where dogs are restricted

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Comments:
 WE really need more areas where people and wildlife can be free of dogs

Q6

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

Important to keep at least the current restrictions

#74

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes,**
 Comment:
 I would love to walk my dog safely at Landguard common without the fear of another dog off the lead. Sadly it doesn't work as I don't think it gets patrolled regular & i have been verbally abused when I have approached owners with dogs off the lead so now i avoid it on walks.

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#75

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **No**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes,**
 Comment:
 Generally they work well but Felixstowe Prom has a problem with dogs off leads

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5

Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#76

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **No**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes,**
Comment:
 When enforced.

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#77

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes,**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Any comments?:
 Dog Owners are lacking responsibility, which effects other owners

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

| | |
|---|------------|
| Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach | No |
| Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point | Yes |
| Dogs on Leads (General) | No |

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#78

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **No**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **No**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6
 Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

No

#80

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Q1 **Visitor to the area**

Are you a

Q2 **No**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#81

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#83

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **No**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes,**
Comment:
 But I still see too many dogs not on a lead / under control.

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5

Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

There appear to be more dogs about than there used to be making control orders essential as too many dog owners do not appear to have their dogs under full control.

#84

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **No,**
Comment:
 The are no sufficiently policed. The Landguard Ranger should have enforcement powers

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6
 Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

The orders are frequently ignored and must be properly enforced. The Landguard Ranger must be given enforcement powers.

#85

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Comment:**
 Do you think that the controls under review generally work well? Not everyone is aware of controls

Q4 **Any comments?:**
 Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs? Depends on whether dog owners that are responsible get excluded from the amenities

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

| | Options |
|---|------------|
| Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach | Yes |
| Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point | Yes |
| Dogs on Leads (General) | Yes |

Comments:
 More signage advising dog owners ro keep dogs under proper control

Q6

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

As the targets are dog owners then please offer them more dog refuse bins that are regularly emptied

#86

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **No,**
Comment:
 Although it's great that they are in place, many people do not abide by the rules! Many "my dog is friendly" people don't seem to care less that these controls are in place for everyone!

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

More policing of the PSPOs would help with the people that don't think these rules apply to them. Also maybe more obvious signs to state that in these areas dogs should be on lead/not allowed. As the owner of a reactive dog it can be very tiring knowing that even when in a place where dogs should be on lead there will more than likely be one dog that will approach us having no recall or their owners are oblivious!

#87

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **No**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **No**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **No**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **No**

Dogs on Leads (General) **No**

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#88

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **No**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **No**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point

Dogs on Leads (General) **No**

Comments:
 There are many responsible dog owner who allow their dogs off the lead. In everything in life you get those who are not responsible.

Q6
 Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

If all dogs are on leads then you will need to provide areas when gods can be exercised off lead.

#89

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **No**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **No**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **No**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **No**

Dogs on Leads (General) **No**

Q6
Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

The owner's are to blame for unruly dogs..not the dogs

#90

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **No**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#91

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Q1 **Visitor to the area**

Are you a

Q2 **No**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **No**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6
 Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

The area controlled in some are too large and don't give dog walkers the chance to enjoy with their family dog. Too much emphasis on non dog spaces

#93

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **No**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes,**
Comment:
 Do you think that the controls under review generally work well? Would like dogs to be on short leads in public spaces

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **No**

Comments:
 Short leads in public spaces

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#94

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Q1 Visitor to the area

Are you a

Q2 Yes

Do you own a dog?

Q3 Yes

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 Yes

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6 Respondent skipped this question

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

#95

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **No**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **No**

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **Yes**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
 Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point **Yes**

Dogs on Leads (General) **Yes**

Q6
 Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

These are all important for the health and safety of people and protection of birds and wildlife.

#97

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Q1 **Local resident**

Are you a

Q2 **No**

Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Yes**

Do you think that the controls under review generally work well?

Q4 **Yes**

Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

Options

Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach **Yes**

Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point

Dogs on Leads (General)

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

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Q1 **Visitor to the area**
Are you a

Q2 **Yes**
Do you own a dog?

Q3 **Comment:**
Do you think that the controls under review generally work well? **Not sure**

Q4 **Respondent skipped this question**
Do you agree with the renewal of the PSPOs?

Q5
Do you consider that the boundaries are correct for the pspos under review

| | Options |
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| Dogs on Aldeburgh Beach | Yes |
| Controls and Restrictions on Dogs (and other Activities) at Landguard Point | No |
| Dogs on Leads (General) | Yes |

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**
Are there any other comments you would like to make about the three PSPOs out for consultation?

Anti-social Behaviour Crime & Policing Act 2014
2024/01 – Exclusion of Dogs from Aldeburgh Beach

Notice is hereby given that the East Suffolk Council in exercise of its powers under Section 59 of the Anti Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (“The Act”) makes the following Order:

1. Duration:

The Order shall come into force on 03rd January 2024 and shall have effect for a period of three years thereafter, expiring on 02nd January 2024 unless extended by further orders.

2. The Restricted Area:

The Order would apply to the area of beach northwards from an imaginary line running perpendicular to the sea wall adjacent to the Coastguard Lookout at Grid Reference TM46451 55915 to an imaginary line running perpendicular to Market Cross Place at its junction with Wentworth Street, at Grid Reference TM46587 57070 (and includes any slope or staircase leading to the beach from the promenade), as shown shaded pink on the attached plan.

3. Persons to whom this Order applies:

The Order applies to all persons within the Restricted Area at all times of the day and night.

4. The Activity:

The Council is satisfied that the conditions set out in Section 59 of the Act have been satisfied and that allowing dogs onto the beach in the Restricted Area (“the Activity”) has a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality. Further, the Council is satisfied that the effect of the Activity is or is likely to be of a persistent or continuing nature and is or is likely to be such as to make the Activity unreasonable and the effect justifies the restrictions imposed.

5. Prohibitions:

In pursuance of section 59 of the Act, the Council therefore prohibits the “Activity” within the “Restricted Area” for the period commencing 1st May and ending 30th September (inclusive) each year.

6. Exemptions:

This order shall not apply to any person who is for the time being in charge of an assistance dog trained to assist him with a disability as defined by section 6 of the Equality Act 2010.

7. Offences

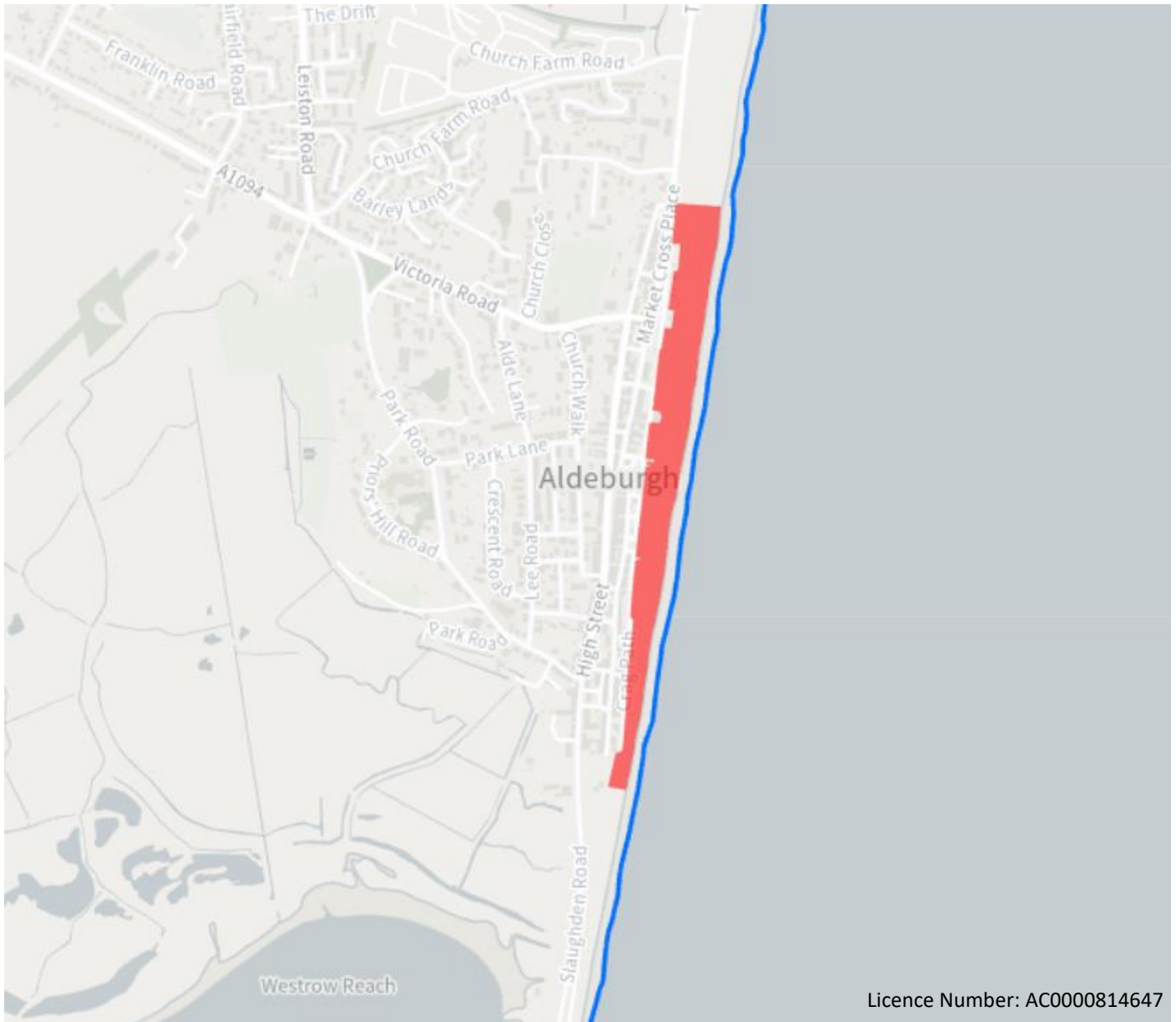
- i. Failure without reasonable excuse to comply with the prohibitions imposed by this Order, as set out at point 5 above is a criminal offence.
- ii. A person guilty of such an offence, under section 67 of the Act, is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.
- iii. Alternatively, at the Council’s discretion, a person believed to have committed an offence may be offered the opportunity to discharge liability for prosecution by paying a fixed penalty.

Signed:

Dated:

PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER

Anti Social Behaviour Crime & Policing Act 2014
2021/01 – Exclusion of Dogs from Aldeburgh Beach



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PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER
Anti-social Behaviour Crime & Policing Act 2014
2024/02– Landguard Nature Reserve

Notice is hereby given that the **East Suffolk Council** (“the Council”) in exercise of its powers under Section 59 of the Anti Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (“the Act”) makes the following Order:

1. Duration:

The Order shall come into force on 03rd January 2024 and shall have effect for a period of three years thereafter, expiring on 2nd January 2024 unless extended by a further order.

2. The Restricted Area:

The Order applies to the land designated as a Local Nature Reserve known as Landguard Nature Reserve situated at Landguard Point, Felixstowe, and to the area of land immediately to the North thereof (together comprising “the Restricted Area”) as shown outlined in red on the plan appended as Schedule C.

3. Persons to whom this Order applies

The Order applies to all persons within the Restricted Area at all times of the day and night.

4. The Activities:

The Council is satisfied that in relation to the activities specified in Schedule A to this order, the conditions set out in Section 59 of the Act have been satisfied and that:

- a) the activities specified therein are, or are likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature; and
- b) have had, or are likely to have, a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality such as to make them unreasonable; and
- c) the effects or likely effects, justify the restrictions imposed.

5. Prohibitions/Requirement:

In pursuance of section 59 of the Act, the Council therefore prohibits the activities specified in Schedule A to this order.

6. Exemptions:

This order shall not apply in respect of the land outlined in red on the plan appended as schedule B to any person who is:

- a) for the time being authorised by the Council, or the Landguard Trust to disregard the requirements of this order.
- b) for the time being in charge of an assistance dog trained to assist him with a disability as defined by section 6 of the Equality Act 2010.

7. Offences

- a) Failure without reasonable excuse to comply with the prohibitions imposed by this Order, as set out at point 5 above, is a criminal offence.
- b) A person guilty of such an offence, under section 67 of the Act, is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.
- i. Alternatively, at the Council’s discretion, a person believed to have committed an offence may be offered the opportunity to discharge liability for prosecution by paying a fixed penalty.

Authorised Signatory:

Dated:

Schedule A – Prohibitions

In respect of the part of the Restricted Area outlined in red on the map appended hereto as Schedule B

1. Allowing any dog onto the Restricted Area, other than on a fixed lead not exceeding 2 metres in length and under proper control.

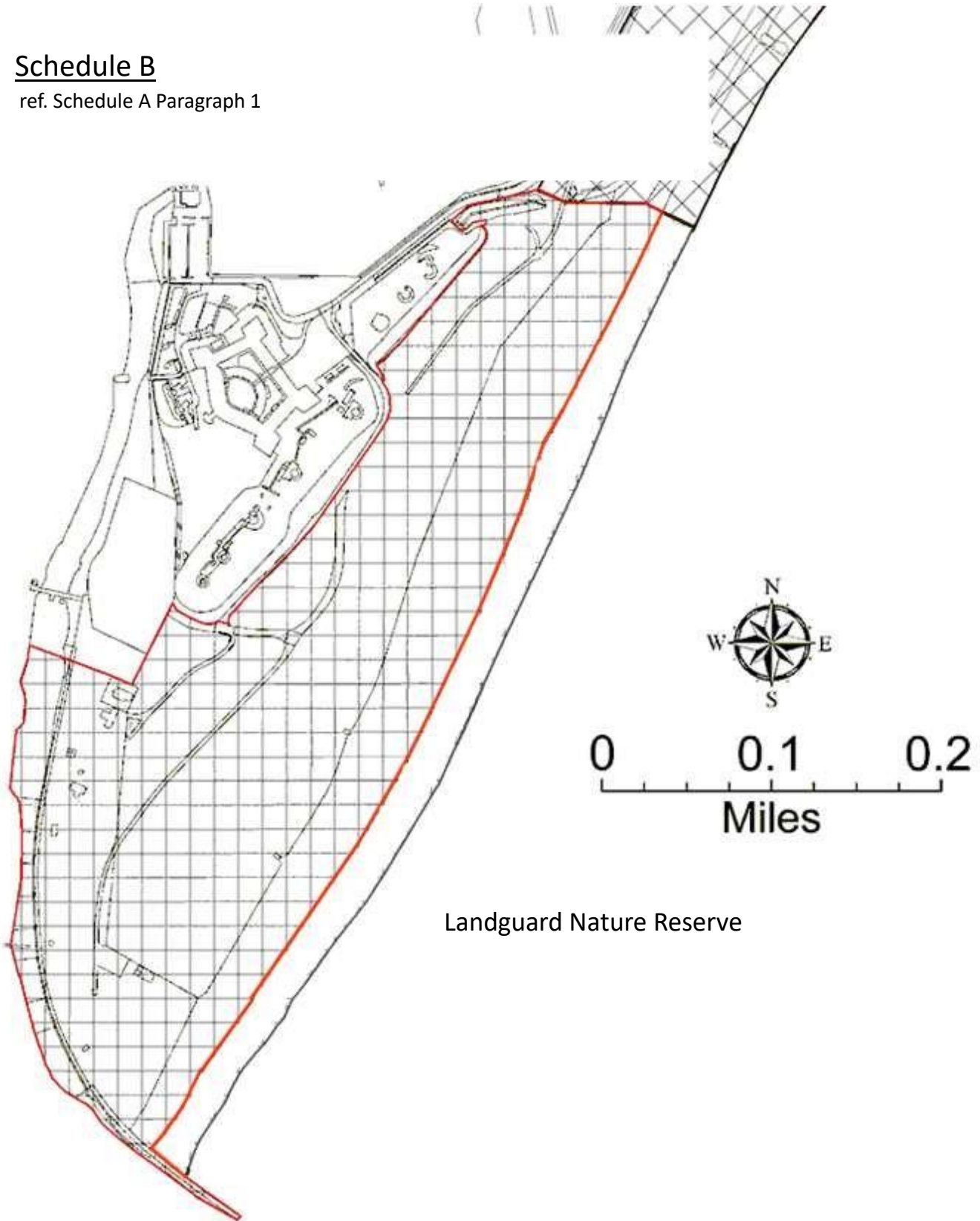
In respect of the whole of the Restricted Area outlined in red on the map appended hereto as Schedule C:

2. Allowing any dog to disturb, worry, kill, injure, or otherwise molest any animal, bird, fish or the nest, eggs, scrape, lair, sett, den, warren or other similar structure of any living creature.
3. Lighting any fire, stove, BBQ, heater or other appliance capable of causing a fire, or letting fall or throwing any lighted match or lighted substance in a manner likely to cause fire.
4. Flying any kite, hang-glider, rocket, model aircraft, drone or any similar aerial vehicle.
5. Riding, driving, parking, leaving, landing or propelling any mechanically propelled vehicle (including aircraft or hovercraft) on any part of the Restricted Area, except;
 - a. on any roadway designated for the time being for public vehicular access;
 - b. on land for the time being set aside for the purpose by the Council or its authorised agents and marked as such by signs;
 - c. in the case of mechanically propelled wheelchairs and similar personal mobility aids, whilst being used by any person with a disability requiring the use of such a vehicle.
6. Erecting, parking, leaving or occupying or using any tent, shed, caravan, vehicle or other structure for the purpose of habitation.
7. Wilfully obstructing or disturbing a warden or other authorised agent of the Council in the proper execution of his duty or any other person or servant of any person employed by the Council or Landguard Trust in the proper execution of any work in connection with the laying out, maintenance or control of the Restricted Area.

<<END OF SCHEDULE A >>

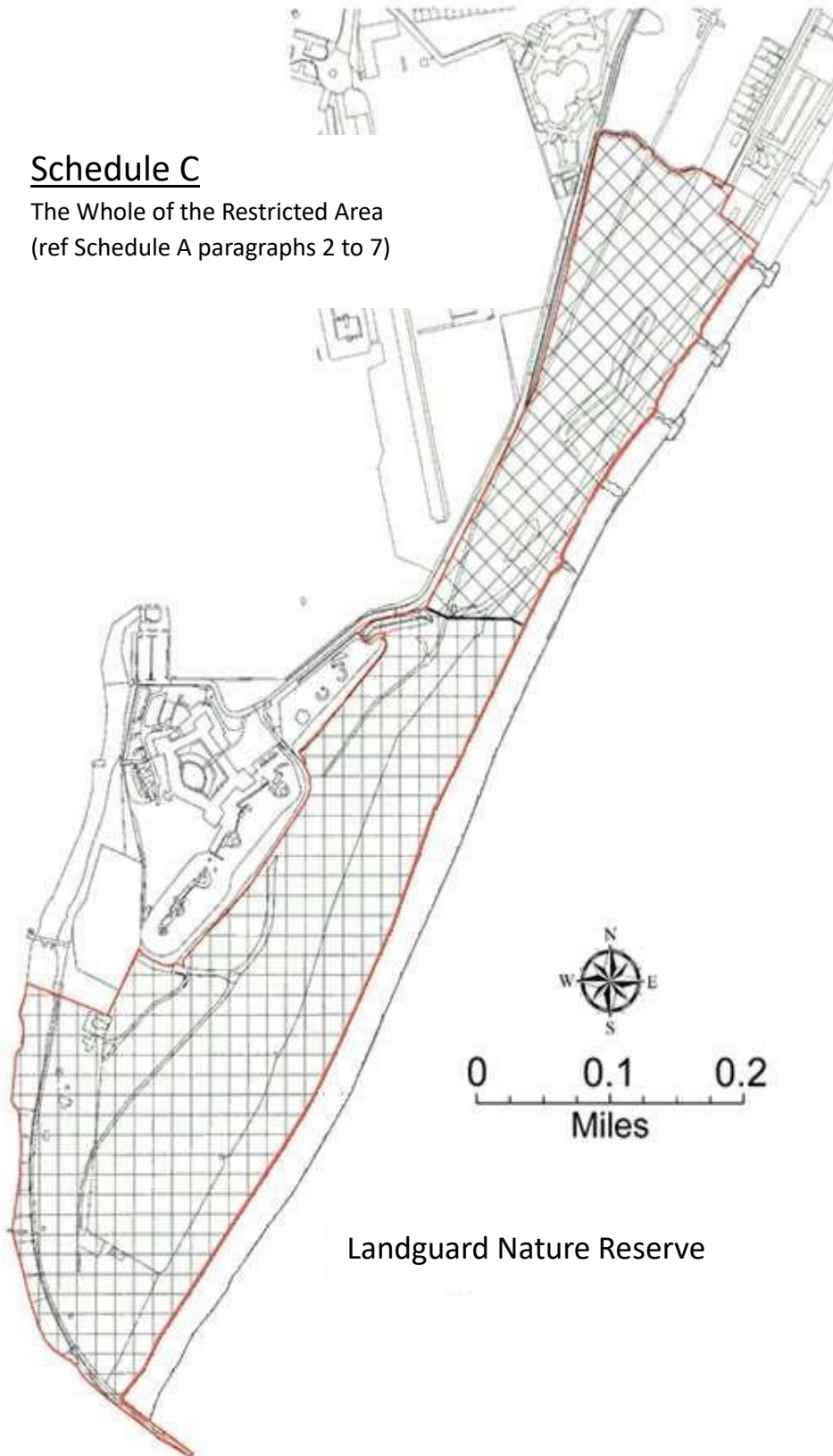
Schedule B

ref. Schedule A Paragraph 1



Schedule C

The Whole of the Restricted Area
(ref Schedule A paragraphs 2 to 7)



Notice is hereby given that the East Suffolk Council in exercise of its powers under Section 59 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (“The ACT”) makes the Following order

1. **Duration:**
This Order shall come into force on 03 January 2024 and shall have effect for a period of three years thereafter, expiring on 02 January 2024 unless revoked, amended, or extended by further orders.
2. **The Restricted Area:**
The Order applies to the areas described in the schedules A to E on of this document (the “Restricted Areas”).
3. **Persons to whom this Order applies:**
The Order applies to all persons within the Restricted Area at all times of the day and night.
4. **The Activity:**
The Council is satisfied that the conditions set out in Section 59 of the Act have been satisfied and that allowing dogs in the Restricted Area whilst not on a lead and under close control (“the Activity”) has a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality. Further, the Council is satisfied that the effect of the Activity is or is likely to be of a persistent or continuing nature and is or is likely to be such as to make the Activity unreasonable and the effect justifies the restrictions imposed.
5. **Prohibitions:**
In pursuance of section 59 of the Act, the Council therefore prohibits the “Activity” within the “Restricted Area”
6. **Exemptions:**
This order shall not apply to any person who is for the time being in charge of an assistance dog trained to assist him with a disability as defined by section 6 of the Equality Act 2010.
7. **Offences**
 - i. Failure without reasonable excuse to comply with the prohibitions imposed by this Order, as set out at point 5 above is a criminal offence.
 - ii. A person guilty of such an offence, under section 67 of the Act, is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.
 - iii. Alternatively, at the Council’s discretion, a person believed to have committed an offence may be offered the opportunity to discharge liability for prosecution by paying a fixed penalty.

Signed

Date

PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER

Anti-social Behaviour Crime & Policing Act 2014

2024/03 – Dogs on Leads (General)

Schedule A

Restricted Areas

1. Pedestrianised areas in urban areas as follows:
 - a. Queen Elizabeth II Place, Lowestoft (Map schedule B)
 - b. The Britten Centre and Market. (Map schedule B)
 - c. London Road North, Lowestoft (Map schedule B)
 - d. The High Street, Lowestoft (Map schedule B)
 - e. The Triangle Market Place, Lowestoft (Map schedule B)
 - f. The Great Eastern Linear Park, Lowestoft (Map schedule B)
 - g. Exchange Square, Beccles (Map schedule C)
 - h. The Thoroughfare, Halesworth (Map schedule E)
2. The Green at the Street adjacent to Blacksmith's Loke, Lound (Map schedule F)
3. All Sports grounds, Fields and pitches at the western part of Beccles Common adjacent to the North side of Common Lane, adjacent to the East side of the railway line and adjacent to the Northern and Southern sides of the Avenue for its entire length. (Map schedule G)
4. All Cemeteries and Churchyards and Burial grounds.

PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER

Anti-social Behaviour Crime & Policing Act 2014

2024/03 – Dogs on Leads (General)

Schedule B

Lowestoft Restricted Areas

- Queen Elizabeth II Place, Lowestoft
- The Britten Centre and Market.
- London Road North, Lowestoft
- The High Street, Lowestoft
- The Triangle Market Place, Lowestoft
- The Great Eastern Linear Park, Lowestoft



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2024/03 – Dogs on Leads (General)

Schedule C

Restricted Areas - Exchange Square, Beccles



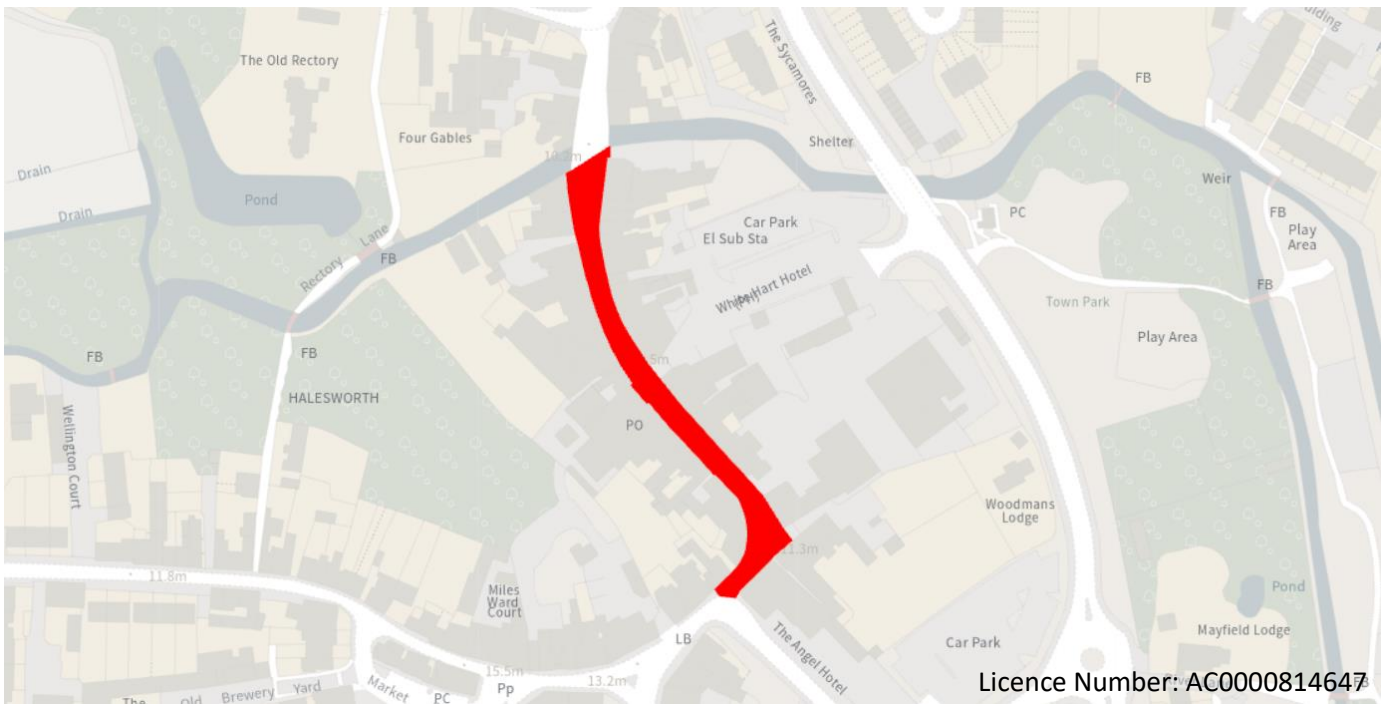
PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER

Anti-social Behaviour Crime & Policing Act 2014

2024/03 – Dogs on Leads (General)

Schedule D

Restricted Areas - The Thoroughfare, Halesworth



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2024/03 – Dogs on Leads (General)

Schedule E

Restricted Areas - The Green at the Street adjacent to Blacksmith's Loke, Lound



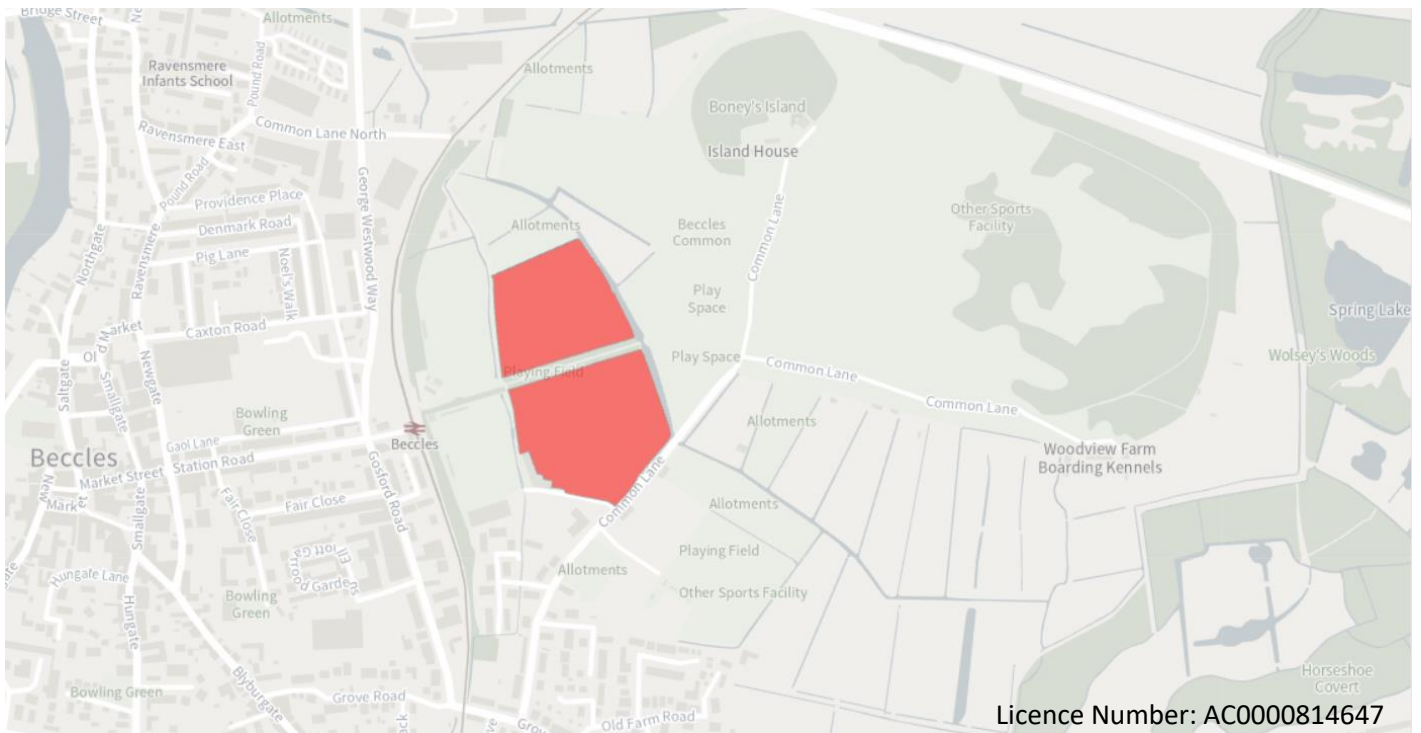
PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER

Anti-social Behaviour Crime & Policing Act 2014

2024/03 – Dogs on Leads (General)

Schedule F

Restricted Areas - All sports grounds, fields and pitches at the western part of Beccles Common adjacent to the North side of Common Lane, adjacent to the East side of the railway line and adjacent to the Northern and Southern sides of The Avenue for its entire length.





5 October 2023

Dear Environmental Protection team,

Dogs Trust has been made aware that East Suffolk Council is currently consulting on the renewal of some of its series of Public Space Protection Orders. As the UK's largest dog welfare charity, we would like to make some comments for consideration.

Dogs Trust's Comments

1. Re; Dog Exclusion Order:

- Dogs Trust accepts that there are some areas where it is desirable that dogs should be excluded, such as children's play areas, however we would recommend that exclusion areas are kept to a minimum and that, for enforcement reasons, they are restricted to enclosed areas. We would consider it more difficult to enforce an exclusion order in areas that lack clear boundaries.
- Dogs Trust would highlight the need to provide plenty of signage to direct owners to alternative areas nearby in which to exercise dogs.

2. Re; Dog Exclusion Order and beaches:

- With phone calls often being made to the RSPCA and Police alerting to dogs being left in hot cars in coastal areas, we would urge you to consider the danger animals may be put in, and the difficult decisions owners have to make, by not being allowed to take their dogs onto the beach.
- If the Council does choose to implement this order, Dogs Trust would encourage looking into a compromise between beach goers and dog owners, e.g. allowing dogs onto the beach in the evenings or early mornings, or having dog friendly sections on the beaches.
- Strict dog exclusion restrictions can also lead to a decrease in dog friendly tourism for businesses along the coast, which in turn could have a negative impact on the local economy.

3. Re; Dogs on Leads Order:

- Dogs Trust accept that there are some areas where it is desirable that dogs should be kept on a lead.
- Dogs Trust would urge the Council to consider the Animal Welfare Act 2006 section 9 requirements (the 'duty of care') that include the dog's need to exhibit normal behaviour patterns – this includes the need for sufficient exercise including the need to run off lead in appropriate areas. Dog Control Orders should not restrict the ability of dog keepers to comply with the requirements of this Act.
- The Council should ensure that there is an adequate number, and a variety of, well sign-posted areas locally for owners to exercise their dog off-lead.

The PDSA's ['Paw Report 2018'](#) found that 89% of veterinary professionals believe that the welfare of dogs will suffer if owners are banned from walking their dogs in public spaces such as parks and beaches, or if dogs are required to be kept on leads in these spaces. Their report also states that 78% of owners rely on these types of spaces to walk their dog.

Dogs Trust

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We believe that the vast majority of dog owners are responsible, and that the majority of dogs are well behaved. In recognition of this, we would encourage local authorities to exercise its power to issue Community Protection Notices, targeting irresponsible owners and proactively addressing anti-social behaviours.

Dogs Trust works with local authorities across the UK to help promote responsible dog ownership. Please do not hesitate to contact should you wish to discuss this matter.

We would be very grateful if you could inform us of the consultation outcome and subsequent decisions made in relation to the Public Space Protection Order.

Yours faithfully,



Clara Citro
Community Engagement

Formal Response to East Suffolk Council's Public Spaces Protection Order Consultation

Submitted on 13th November 2023 by: The Kennel Club, Clarges Street, Piccadilly, London W1J 8AB, email: kcdog@thekennelclub.org.uk

The Kennel Club is the largest organisation in the UK devoted to dog health, welfare, and training. Our objective is to ensure that dogs live healthy, happy lives with responsible owners. We campaign for and advocate on behalf of dogs and their owners and, as part of our external affairs activities, engage with local authorities on issues such as Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs).

The Kennel Club is the only national organisation named by the UK Government as a body that local authorities should consult prior to introducing restrictions on dog walkers and is considered the leading canine authority on dog access. As such, we would like to highlight the importance of ensuring that PSPOs are necessary and proportionate responses to problems caused by dogs and irresponsible owners. We also believe that it is essential for authorities to balance the interests of dog owners with the interests of other access users.

Response to proposed measures

On lead

We can support reasonable 'dogs on lead' Orders which can, when used in a proportionate and evidence-based way, include areas such as cemeteries, picnic areas, or on pavements in proximity to cars and other road traffic.

Exclusions

The Kennel Club opposes PSPOs which introduce blanket restrictions on dog walkers accessing public open spaces without specific and reasonable justification. Dog owners are required to provide their dogs with appropriate daily exercise, including "regular opportunities to walk and run", which in most cases will be off lead while still under control.

Their ability to meet this requirement is greatly affected by the amount of publicly accessible parks and other public places in their area where dogs can exercise without restrictions. This section of the Animal Welfare Act was included in the statutory guidance produced for local authorities by the Home Office on the use of PSPOs.

Accordingly, the underlying principle we seek to see applied is that dog controls should be the least restrictive to achieve a given defined and measurable outcome; this is the approach used by Natural England. In many cases, a seasonal or time of day restriction will be effective and the least restrictive approach, rather than a blanket year-round restriction. For instance, a "dogs on lead" order for a picnic area is unlikely to be necessary in mid-winter.

The Government provided clear instructions to local authorities that they must provide restriction free sites for dog walkers to exercise their dogs. This message was contained in the guidance document for DCOs, and has been retained in both the Defra/Welsh Government and Home Office PSPO guidance documents, with the Defra guidance for

PSPOs stating 'local authorities should ensure there are suitable alternatives for dogs to be exercised without restrictions'.

Assistance dogs

The Kennel Club welcomes the exemptions proposed in this Order for assistance dogs. We urge the Council to review the Equality and Human Rights Commission's guidance for businesses and service providers when providing any exemptions for those who rely on assistance dogs. The guidance can be viewed here:

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/sites/default/files/assistance-dogs-a-guide-for-all-businesses.pdf>

Appropriate signage

It is important to note that in relation to PSPOs, The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (Publication of Public Spaces Protection Orders) Regulations 2014 makes it a legal requirement for local authorities to –

“cause to be erected on or adjacent to the public place to which the order relates such notice (or notices) as it considers sufficient to draw the attention of any member of the public using that place to -

- (i) the fact that the order has been made, extended or varied (as the case may be); and
- (ii) the effect of that order being made, extended or varied (as the case may be).”

Regarding dog access restrictions, such as a 'Dogs on Lead' Order, on-site signage should clearly state where such restrictions begin and end. This can be achieved with signs that say on one side, for example, 'You are entering [type of area]' and 'You are leaving [type of area]' on the reverse.

While all dog walkers should be aware of their requirement to pick up after their dog, signage must be erected for the PSPO to be compliant with the legislation.



CABINET
Tuesday, 05 December 2023

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| Subject | Strategic Recruitment Partner Procurement |
| Cabinet Member | Councillor Paul Ashton Cabinet Member with responsibility for Corporate Services – Digital, Customer Services, HR and Assets |
| Report Author(s) | Kate Blakemore Strategic Director Kate.blakemore@eastsoffolk.gov.uk and Amie Skeet HR and Workforce Development Manager Amie.skeet@eastsoffolk.gov.uk |

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| Is the report Open or Exempt? | OPEN |
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| Category of Exempt Information and reason why it is NOT in the public interest to disclose the exempt information. | Not applicable. |
| Wards Affected: | None |

Purpose and high-level overview

Purpose of Report:

This report seeks approval from Cabinet to go out to tender for a Strategic Recruitment Partner to support the Council's recruitment needs. This Partner will provide strategic and operational support in the appointment of both permanent and temporary roles across a variety of services and levels to meet the organisations staffing needs for up to five years, with break clauses after two years and four years.

Options:

1. That Cabinet approves for authority to be delegated to the Strategic Director with responsibility for Corporate Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services, to tender and award the contract for a Strategic Recruitment Partner, on terms that best protect the Council's interests and after undertaking a procurement exercise pursuant to the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and Public Contract Regulations 2015.
2. To extend the current contract for operational strategic support for another year.
3. To not approve this recommendation.

Recommendation:

That Cabinet approves for authority to be delegated to the Strategic Director with responsibility for Corporate Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services, to tender and award the contract for a strategic recruitment partner, on terms that best protect the Council's interests and after undertaking a procurement exercise pursuant to the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and Public Contract Regulations 2015.

Corporate Impact Assessment

Governance:

The required tender and procurement process is to be conducted in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and Public Contract Regulations 2015.

ESC policies and strategies that directly apply to the proposal:

ESC's Contract Procurement Rules and Public Contract Regulations 2015

Environmental:

None as a direct result of this report.

Equalities and Diversity:

The specification for this tender will be clear that the Strategic Recruitment Partner awarded with this contract must ensure that equalities, diversity and inclusion is embedded in everything that they do in supporting this Council with recruitment and retention.

Financial:

The cost of this new contract will be demand led, in that the current provider spend totals

£394,878 for the last three years, with £259,909 being spent in 2022/23. However, agency staff costs are estimated to be much higher than this as service areas have been recruiting directly through various agencies. The aim of this procurement is to bring all this spend together centrally using a strategic recruitment partner, and for this spend to be monitored by Human Resources, although the budget responsibility will sit within existing service areas budgets.

Human Resources:

By appointing a Strategic Recruitment Partner, we hope to better address some of the challenges the Council faces in terms of recruitment and retention. There is also an aim to reduce the spend of short-term agency funded posts by using this Partner to support us with permanent placements where possible.

ICT:

None as a direct result of this report.

Legal:

A legal contract will be required between the two parties.

Risk:

Recruitment and retention is a challenge for this Council, by appointing a Strategic Recruitment Partner we are aiming to reduce this risks associated with our harder to fill posts.

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| External Consultees: | N/A |
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Background and Justification for Recommendation

| 1 Background | |
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| 1.1 | East Suffolk Councils Constitution includes Contract Procedure Rules which are the Council’s contract standing orders under section 135 of the Local Government Act 1972. They must be followed every time the Council enters into a contract for works, goods or services and set the minimum standards which must be adhered to. |
| 1.2 | <p>The overriding principles of the Contract Procedure Rules are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The aim of every procurement exercise should be to achieve Value for Money as part of the general requirement to secure Best Value. In doing so those involved in the process will treat suppliers evenly and equally, without discrimination, acting in a transparent manner. • Subject to those overriding principles, there should also be a focus on, wherever viable, enabling social value and encouraging participation by local businesses in bidding for Council procurement opportunities. • Contractual arrangements should be made, wherever possible, on the Council’s terms (standard general terms or standard form contracts, as explained in Rule 5.1). The fallback position would be to use industry standard model contracts, with supplemental terms for higher risk contracts. |

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| | Contracting on the supplier's terms should be avoided and only done when agreed with (and with the changes to those terms required by) the Head of Legal and Democratic Services and the Procurement Team. |
| 1.3 | The current Public Procurement Threshold for the supply of local authority service contracts is £213,477 including VAT and any procurement above this value must go through a procurement process as set out in the Public Contract Regulations 2015. Whilst the actual spend for this procurement is demand led, we know that the value of the contract for up to five years will exceed this threshold. |

2 Current position

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| 2.1 | The current contract provides operational recruitment support, mainly for temporary agency placements. This contract has been in place since the 31 st March 2020. Whilst there is an option to extend this contract for another year when the current extension expires on the 31 st March 2024, it is recommended that this contract is not extended due to the changing organisational needs of the Council in terms of recruitment. |
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3 How to address current situation

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| 3.1 | <p>With the current arrangement coming to an end on the 31st March 2024, a review into how this arrangement has worked for the Council has been undertaken. In undertaking this review the following issues have been identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recruitment needs of the Authority have changed since this contract was awarded, in that recruitment has become more difficult for the Council, especially for the more technical posts that require specific qualifications, such as Environmental Health. • That the use of agency/contractors has increased, especially post pandemic. These appointments come at additional cost and whilst there will always be a requirement for this approach, there is scope to reduce the use of agency/contractors if vacant posts were filled in a timelier manner. • That service areas are using agency firms to directly appoint to roles. This is creating a risk for the organisation in terms of procurement if we look at cumulative spend for some of these agencies. • There is no central oversight of IR35 (The off payroll working rules that make sure that workers such as contractors pay broadly the same income Tax and National Insurance as an employee if they are providing their services on a similar basis). |
| 3.2 | Work has been undertaken to identify what services are available in the marketplace to better understand the opportunities of undertaking this procurement. |
| 3.3 | Reflecting on both the changing recruitment needs of the Council and what support is available in the marketplace, it has been identified that there is a requirement to work with a Strategic Recruitment Partner to provide strategic and operational support in the appointment of both permanent and temporary roles across a variety of services and levels to meet the organisations staffing needs, and for this contract to be centrally managed and monitored by Human Resources. |
| 3.4 | We will require the Partner to provide the Authority with strategic support in the field of recruitment, retention and talent management, providing data led insights |

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| | <p>and opportunities to understand best practice and innovation in the wider marketplace. Specifically, we will require our Provider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To manage performance against an agreed set of KPI's and be accountable to HR • To advise on JD's/Person specifications/salaries • To undertake regular data analysis of internal and external/benchmarking to further assist with our recruitment strategy in terms of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Market trends - East Suffolk Council's position in the Market - Salaries - Work/life balance/flexibility - Collaborative working including partnership opportunities. • To provide operational recruitment support for both permanent and temporary roles across the full range of Council services, focussing on achieving permanent recruitment over temporary where appropriate. |
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| 4 Reason/s for recommendation | |
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| 4.1 | The Council requires a Strategic Recruitment Partner to support its recruitment needs by providing strategic and operational support in the appointment of both permanent and temporary roles across a variety of services and levels to meet the organisations staffing needs |
| 4.2 | It is therefore recommended that Cabinet approves for authority to be delegated to the Strategic Director with responsibility for Corporate Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services, to tender and award the contract for a strategic recruitment partner, on terms that best protect the Council's interests and after undertaking a procurement exercise pursuant to the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and Public Contract Regulations 2015. |

Appendices

| Appendices: |
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| None. |

| Background reference papers: |
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| None. |



CABINET
Tuesday, 05 December 2023

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| Subject | Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan |
| Cabinet Member | Councillor Sarah Whitelock Cabinet Member with responsibility for Communities, Leisure and Tourism |
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| Is the report Open or Exempt? | OPEN |
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| Category of Exempt Information and reason why it is NOT in the public interest to disclose the exempt information. | Not applicable. |
| Wards Affected: | All Wards |

Purpose and high-level overview

Purpose of Report:

To seek Cabinet approval of the new East Suffolk Council Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan. The new Action Plan was developed following two workshops earlier this year focussing on the role of East Suffolk Council as both an employer and a service provider and sets out our ambitious approach to embedding Equality, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.

Options:

To approve the Action Plan / not to approve the Action Plan

Recommendation/s:

It is recommended that Cabinet approve the new East Suffolk Council Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan and that all Councillors and officers of the Council play an active role in embedding Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in all that we do as a Council.

Corporate Impact Assessment

Governance:

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion is considered at monthly Corporate Leadership Team Governance meetings and overseen by the Council's Services for All Group, which includes representatives from all services (this group also oversees the Council's work around safeguarding).

ESC policies and strategies that directly apply to the proposal:

The Action Plan will help the Council to deliver its ambitions around tackling inequalities set out in the 'Tackling Inequalities' theme of the new East Suffolk Council 'Our Direction 2028' document approved by Cabinet and due to be adopted by Full Council in November 2023.

Environmental:

No specific implications

Equalities and Diversity:

This Action Plan represents the Council's ambitions around Equality and Diversity and has been co-designed through two workshops that included input from staff, Councillors and partners (including Unison).

Financial:

There are minimal financial implications associated with this report, although some of the activities proposed in the Action Plan may have resource implications in the form of staff input.

Human Resources:

A number of the actions in the Action Plan will be delivered by the HR Team and the key principles of the Plan have fed into the development of the Council's new People Strategy

ICT:

Specific actions are identified within the plan about how we provide information to engage and communicate with the spectrum of protected characteristic groups in East Suffolk.

Legal:

There are no specific legal implications associated with the Action Plan, indeed the intention of the Plan is to ensure that we get it right first time in terms of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion – for example a renewed focus on Equality Impact Assessments should reduce the likelihood of legal challenge on the grounds of inequalities.

Risk:

This Action Plan should reduce risk to the Council because it sets out our ambition to embed Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in all that we do, including using tools such as Equality Impact Assessments to assess the potential impact of policy and service changes on all ten East Suffolk protected characteristic groups before they are implemented and to mitigate wherever possible when negative impacts are identified.

External Consultees:

Information and expertise from partners with/representing lived experience of the ten protected characteristic groups have informed the development of this Plan, including young people and people with disabilities. Staff voices formed part of the two workshops held to develop the Plan.

Strategic Plan Priorities

| Select the priorities of the Strategic Plan which are supported by this proposal: <i>(Select only one primary and as many secondary as appropriate)</i> | | Primary priority | Secondary priorities |
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| T01 | Growing our Economy | | |
| P01 | Build the right environment for East Suffolk | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P02 | Attract and stimulate inward investment | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P03 | Maximise and grow the unique selling points of East Suffolk | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P04 | Business partnerships | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P05 | Support and deliver infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| T02 | Enabling our Communities | | |
| P06 | Community Partnerships | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| P07 | Taking positive action on what matters most | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P08 | Maximising health, well-being and safety in our District | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| P09 | Community Pride | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| T03 | Maintaining Financial Sustainability | | |
| P10 | Organisational design and streamlining services | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P11 | Making best use of and investing in our assets | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P12 | Being commercially astute | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P13 | Optimising our financial investments and grant opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P14 | Review service delivery with partners | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| T04 | Delivering Digital Transformation | | |
| P15 | Digital by default | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P16 | Lean and efficient streamlined services | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P17 | Effective use of data | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| P18 | Skills and training | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P19 | District-wide digital infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| T05 | Caring for our Environment | | |
| P20 | Lead by example | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P21 | Minimise waste, reuse materials, increase recycling | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P22 | Renewable energy | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P23 | Protection, education and influence | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| XXX | Governance | | |
| XXX | How ESC governs itself as an authority | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <p>How does this proposal support the priorities selected?</p> <p>This action plan should underpin all of our work as a Council – as an employer, a service provider and a community champion/leader. There is a real emphasis on understanding the needs of all the protected characteristic groups in East Suffolk and taking positive action to address these needs. A lot of what we do around Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion – and our ambition to achieve Equity – is delivered in partnership with other organisations.</p> <p>The Action Plan aligns well to both the Strategic Plan priorities and the new Our Direction 2028 document with its focus on Tackling Inequalities. It also aligns well to the Community</p> | | | |

Partnership Board priority around Tackling Inequalities with its focus on five of the 22 identified areas of inequality in East Suffolk – Mental Health and Wellbeing, Absolute Poverty, Children and Young People’s Health and Wellbeing, Access to Services and Disabilities and Long Term Health Conditions with also feed into and draws from relevant priorities for our eight Community Partnerships.

Background and Justification for Recommendation

| 1 Background facts | |
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| 1.1 | In 2022 we became one of the first Councils in the East of England to sign up to the Unison Anti-Racism Charter and were asked to speak at a regional event earlier this year about how we were implementing the Charter in East Suffolk. |
| 1.2 | The Council revised its Equality and Diversity Policy in 2021 (post-pandemic) following a self-assessment against the national Equality Framework for Local Government (EFLG) conducted in order to better understand our strengths and weaknesses in relation to Equality and Diversity East Suffolk Council Equality Framework for Local Government self-assessment |
| 1.2 | <p>The Policy sets out how councillors and staff work together to actively promote equality and diversity of access to services for all East Suffolk residents and for council staff. We are working to meet our obligations under the Equality Act 2010 through the three specific public sector duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act. • Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it. • Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it. <p>New and updated policies and key decisions about services should take into consideration the specific needs of the nine protected characteristic groups, identified within the Equality Act, plus socio-economic disadvantage which has been identified as the tenth priority in East Suffolk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age • Being or becoming a transsexual person • Being married or in a civil partnership • Being pregnant or on maternity leave • Disability • Race including colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin • Religion, belief or lack of religion/belief • Sex • Sexual Orientation • Socio-economic disadvantages <p>The East Suffolk Equality and Diversity Policy focusses on a range of things we do to try to ensure that we promote equality including:</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessible buildings from which services are delivered. • Charges for services that take into account income deprivation where possible. • Engaging with individuals and communities when developing new services. • Providing information about our services in a range of formats. • Interacting with the public in appropriate ways. • Striving to meet people’s individual needs when delivering services wherever possible. • Monitoring take up of our services to ensure equity. • Being transparent about the basis upon which we make decisions. • Training frontline staff to understand and meet the specific needs of customers. |
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2 Current position

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| 2.1 | <p>The increasing amount of data available about our communities, combined with evidence from the Covid pandemic, has shone a spotlight on the inequalities that exist both within and between our communities. Earlier this year it was agreed that the Council should develop an Action Plan that includes the areas for development identified through the EFLG self-assessment, our commitments in the Anti-Racism Charter and which overall provides a more ambitious framework for our work to promote equity and reduce inequality in the district.</p> |
| 2.2 | <p>We already use various tools to meet the Equality Duty and promote equality of access to services for all of our communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services for All Group - an equality and diversity group, including representatives from different service areas, to drive equality improvements through a progressive action plan and the planning of training and development. • Human Resources - our Human Resources (HR) team drives the transformation and organisational development of the council, while at the same time ensuring that we are meeting our ethical and legal responsibilities in respect of all employment and workforce matters, including the equality duty. • People Strategy – the HR team ensures that we have the right number of people, with the right skills, in the right place at the right time to deliver our vision and objectives. This ensures that we have a productive and skilled workforce and effective policies in place which support diversity and good people management. • Training and development provision - regular training workshops are provided to councillors and officers including equality and diversity duties and responsibilities, equality impact analysis, safeguarding children, young people and adults at risk and community mapping. A session on equalities forms part of our induction programme for all new recruits to the council. • We work closely with minority groups, voluntary sector and community organisations, including through the two Disability Forums, the Youth Council, Youth Voice and local faith groups. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We commission our Citizens Advice, Disability Advice Service (south) and Disability Advice North East Suffolk to support specific protected characteristic groups. |
| 2.3 | In order to develop the Action Plan, two workshops were held (in April and August 2023) with staff at all levels from all services, including representatives of the Corporate Leadership Team. Workshop 1 was opened by the Leader of the Council and Workshop 2 by the then Cabinet Member for Communities (now the Deputy Cabinet Member). |
| 2.4 | Workshop 1 provided an introduction to why Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Matters, an overview of local data about the ten protected characteristic groups, input from Unison and examples of projects like Youth Voice, work to become an Age Friendly Community and how we work with our two Disability Forums. This was followed by focussed work in groups to identify priorities. Workshop 2 included a presentation on disabilities and dedicated the majority of the time on refining the content of the Plan, including adding timescales and agreeing priorities for action. |
| 2.5 | Both workshops included an opportunity for staff to share their stories – their lived experience – of living as part of one or more protected characteristic groups – we heard stories focussed on race, neurodiversity, age, gender, disability and gender reassignment. The focus across both sessions was firmly on what else we should do as a Council to maximise the voice, inclusion and access to services of all the ten East Suffolk protected characteristic groups both in our role as a service provider and as an employer. |

3 How to address current situation

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| 3.1 | The new Action Plan includes a vision, principles and definitions of Equality, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, as well as a reminder of the ten protected characteristic groups. |
| 3.2 | Our vision is that ‘Equality, Diversity and Inclusion is at the heart of all we do – ensuring equal access to opportunity and striving for equal outcomes for all’. Our principles focus on our behaviours – as Councillors, staff and contractors – our ambitions to co-produce our services, our focus on tackling inequalities and commitment to standing up to discrimination. |
| 3.3 | <p>The Action Plan is structured around three key themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> East Suffolk Council as an inclusive employer of choice East Suffolk Council as a community leader East Suffolk Council – thinking equalities in all we do <p>Each of the three sections of the plan includes a set of priority projects/activities and other activities (many of which are medium to long term ambitions). Against each theme is a set of proposed projects with a lead officer or group and an indicative timescale.</p> |

4 Reason/s for recommendation

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| 4.1 | The new Action Plan sets out our ambitions as an employer and community leader and our desire to embed Equality, Diversity and Inclusion at the heart of all that we do. The Plan is wide ranging and ambitious and will be further refined through our work with those directly impacted by the inequalities that exist in our |
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| | communities, through co-producing projects with those they are intended to benefit. We want both our communities and staff to understand that we are listening and will do what we can to ensure that we meet their needs. |
| 4.2 | Equality, Diversity and Inclusion lies at the heart of the Councils ambitions for East Suffolk, as highlighted in 'Our Direction 2028'. |

Appendices

Appendices:

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| Appendix A | Draft Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan |
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Background reference papers:

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| None. |
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East Suffolk Council Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan 2023

Vision: *Equality, Diversity and Inclusion at the heart of all we do - ensuring equal access to opportunity and striving for equal outcomes for all*

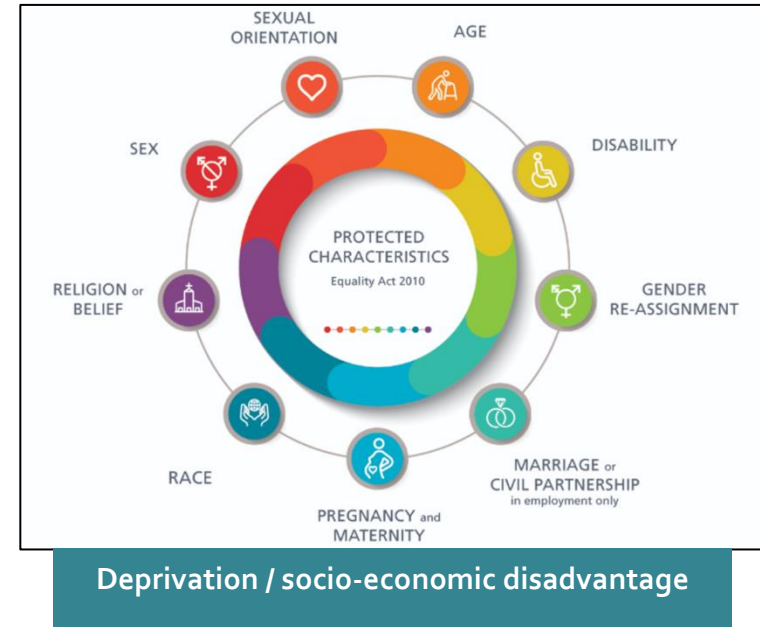
Principles

Ease Suffolk Council is an inclusive employer that values and reflects diversity.

Our Councillors, staff and contractors:

- understand and apply the principles of Equality, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
- are kind, considerate, respectful and tolerant
- work in partnership with all parts of our community, co-producing services wherever possible, to ensure that they meet a broad range of different needs and are accessible to all
- actively promote the importance of Equality, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion to our businesses, residents and visitors
- Call out and stand up against discrimination
- Ensure Council investment tackles inequalities and reaches those people most in need, to support more equitable and equal communities

East Suffolk Protected Characteristics



Definitions

‘Equality’ means that each individual or group of people is given the same resources or opportunities

‘Equity’ recognizes that each person has different circumstances and allocates the specific resources/ opportunities needed to reach an equal outcome

We will ensure Equality and strive for Equity

‘Diversity’ means understanding and valuing the fact that everyone is individual and different

‘Inclusion’ means ensuring that everyone can use the same facilities, take part in the same activities, and enjoy the same experiences

EDI – Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

CLT – Corporate Leadership Team

PC – Protected Characteristic

A number of actions have ARCAP against them, this is because the actions in our Anti Racism Charter Action Plan have all been included in this EDI Action Plan

East Suffolk Council – An Inclusive Employer of Choice

Priority Projects

| Purpose | Proposed Project/Activity | Lead Officer | 0-6 months | 6-18 months | Ongoing |
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| IE1. Enable staff to feel valued, included and able to raise issues (ALLYSHIP: CONFIDANT) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Establish staff support networks/groups/forums, or help staff to link into existing groups e.g. SCC Black Workers Group b. Ensure that these groups/networks feed into decision making structures e.g. Corporate Leadership Team and the Services for All Group c. Ensure staff feel confident in raising issues (including anonymously where necessary) by cascading messages through all teams about how to do this d. Train and support Managers to understand and respond positively to issues raised | <p>Nicole Rickard</p> <p>Kate Blakemore/ Nicole Rickard</p> <p>CLT</p> <p>Heather Shilling/CLT</p> | * | | * |
| IE2. Ensure our recruitment processes are genuinely accessible and attract a diverse workforce that represents the local population (ARC AP) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Increase workforce equality monitoring (including ethnicity) and publish the results (ARCAP) b. Encourage staff to disclose by helping them to understand the purpose/benefits of doing so c. Promote the Council as an employer to all protected characteristic groups - review how/where we advertise posts and increase reach into diverse communities d. Provide additional guidance about how to complete job application forms e. Ensure recruitment panel diversity f. Make reasonable interview and test adjustments and promote that we do this g. Provide constructive interview feedback and learning h. Monitor recruitment processes to show the success of applications from specific protected characteristic groups (e.g. global majority candidates) (ARCAP) | <p>Amie Skeet</p> <p>Amie Skeet</p> <p>Amie Skeet</p> <p>Amie Skeet</p> <p>CLT/Managers</p> <p>CLT/Managers</p> <p>CLT/Managers</p> <p>Amie Skeet</p> | * | * | * |
| IE3. Increase knowledge, awareness and understanding of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in ALL staff and Councillors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Review/revise manager and staff training and ensure that it covers the basics as well as emerging agendas e.g. anti racism (ARCAP), unconscious bias, neuro diversity and transgender b. Pilot training on Services for All Group members c. Provide robust EDI training for managers involved in recruiting, promotions and investigating allegations (ARCAP) | <p>Heather Shilling</p> <p>Heather Shilling</p> <p>Heather Shilling</p> | * | * | * |

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| | d. Regular and robust monitoring to ensure that all staff undertake EDI training | Heather Shilling | | | |
| | e. Skills development to ensure staff/Councillors feel confident in using EDI terminology, sharing information and challenging myths | Heather Shilling | | | |
| | f. Include additional EDI questions in the Staff Survey and feed outcomes into future iterations of this EDI Plan | Amie Skeet | | | |
| | g. Include EDI as a standing agenda item on Team Meeting agendas to prompt more discussions about EDI | Managers | | | |
| | h. Regular updates on EDI at Corporate Leadership Team meetings | CLT | | | |
| | i. Meaningful discussion about EDI in My Conversations | Kate Blakemore | | | |

| Purpose | Proposed Project/Activity | Lead Officer | 0-6 months | 6-18 months | Ongoing |
|---|---|---|------------|-------------|---------|
| IE4. Increase awareness and understanding of EDI and the 10 'protected characteristic' groups and provide opportunities for staff to shared lived experience, leading to increased visibility (ALLYSHIP: AMPLIFIER) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Create an EDI area on Sharepoint and provide key information e.g. Services for All Group members, key documents, information about terminology, protected characteristic groups b. Develop a promotional campaign on EDI c. Encourage those with lived experience to share information and stories to highlight the challenges and opportunities for each protected characteristic group d. Develop a network of Protected Characteristic 'champions' who provide advice/support and act as allies e. Use a range of events to provide a 'platform' for protected characteristic groups to share experiences and for everyone to learn from these experiences f. Hold an annual EDI event to maintain profile and increase awareness within ESC g. Recruit an EDI Apprentice to support all EDI work | <p>Phil Harris</p> <p>Phil Harris Nicole Rickard / Services for All Group</p> <p>Nicole Rickard</p> <p>Kate Blakemore / Nicole Rickard</p> <p>Kate Blakemore / Nicole Rickard</p> <p>Nicole Rickard</p> | | * | * |
| IE5. Ensure that all staff have a positive experience working for ESC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Promote our ambitions re EDI, equal opportunities, flexible working, hybrid working, work/life balance, part time working, and job share opportunities b. Provide dedicated spaces for inclusion related activities e.g. reflection room or breast-feeding space c. Introduce mentorship and reverse mentorship schemes for protected characteristic groups d. Look at promotion policies and processes to identify and address disparities in equality of opportunity (ARCAP) e. Analyse discipline and grievance cases to identify and address race in relation to outcomes of comparable cases (ARCAP) f. Interrogate exit interview results to identify and address disparities in retention of staff members (ARCAP) | <p>CLT</p> <p>Kate Blakemore</p> <p>Heather Shilling</p> <p>Amie Skeet</p> <p>Amie Skeet</p> <p>Amie Skeet</p> | | | * |
| IE6. Put the Services for All Group at the centre of Council policy making and service design | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Services for All group to oversee delivery of this EDI Action Plan b. Ensure that each team has an EDI 'champion' sitting on the Services for All Group and that they understand their role and responsibilities c. Use the Services for All Group to cascade information to teams, and to collate issues to feed into Corporate Leaderships Team d. Identify any training needs for Services for All group members | <p>Services for All Group CLT</p> <p>Nicole Rickard</p> | * | | * |

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| | | Nicole Rickard | | | |
| IE7. Identify and challenge discrimination, including racism (ARCAP) (ALLYSHIP: UPSTANDER) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Actively stand up against discrimination in all its shapes and forms (ARCAP) b. Challenge lack of awareness and misunderstanding – everyone in the Council has a ‘myth-busting’ role c. Challenge unconscious bias, limiting assumptions and judgements d. Provide a racism reporting process for notifying, investigating and recording outcomes (ARCAP). | <p>CLT</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>Amie Skeet</p> | | | * |
| IE8. Recognise and mitigate the impact of discrimination on staff wellbeing (ARCAP) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Work with the ESC Wellbeing Group to consider the specific wellbeing needs of protected characteristic Groups b. Provide wellbeing support to any employees who experience discrimination either directly or indirectly c. Use the network of Mental Health First Aiders to support those impacted by discrimination | <p>Fiona Quinn</p> <p>Amie Skeet</p> <p>Amie Skeet</p> | | | * |
| IE9. Ensure that all workplaces are accessible | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Involve people with lived experience in ESC building audits | Kerry Blair | * | | * |

East Suffolk Council – A Community Leader

Priority Projects

| Purpose | Proposed Project/Activity | Lead Officer | 0-6 months | 6-18 months | Ongoing |
|--|---|---|------------|-------------|---------|
| CL1. Improve our services through active engagement and co-production with protected characteristic groups. Increase participation from under-represented groups and identify ways to reach communities that may not actively engage | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Identify opportunities to co-produce services e.g. Healthwatch Tackling Poverty Together b. Identify innovative ways to involve communities in decision making, particularly under-represented groups c. Actively seek feedback from external stakeholders e.g. Disability Forums, Suffolk/Great Yarmouth and Waveney Minds, Waveney Youth Council d. Seek suggestions and feedback from the community, including via Councillors and using tools like Youth Voice e. Revisit the idea of an East Suffolk Citizens Panel f. Increase the diversity of membership of the eight East Suffolk Community Partnerships | <p>CLT</p> <p>CLT</p> <p>CLT</p> <p>CLT</p> <p>Kate Blakemore Nicole Rickard</p> | | * | * |
| CL2. Ensure that ESC Councillors understand Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, EDI priorities and their leadership role | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ensure that Councillors know where to find key information about EDI on the website / Sharepoint b. Analyse the change in Councillor profile following the May 2023 elections and identify future opportunities to increase the diversity of Councillors (links to the 'Be a Councillor' campaign) c. Support the EDI Councillor Champion – the Cabinet Member for Communities d. Ensure that Councillors are involved in/sighted on key EDI projects and activities | <p>Nicole Rickard</p> <p>Sarah Davis</p> <p>Kate Blakemore</p> <p>Kate Blakemore / Nicole Rickard</p> | * | | * |
| CL3. Understand East Suffolk communities better - to enable us, communities and their representatives to make better decisions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Lead engagement with communities about their needs – implement a corporate review of the way that we engage? b. Use the Community Partnerships more for EDI intelligence gathering | <p>Sandra Lewis</p> <p>Luke Bennett</p> | | * | * |

| Purpose | Proposed Project/Activity | Lead Officer | 0-6 months | 6-18 months | Ongoing |
|--|--|--|------------|-------------|---------|
| CL4. Ensure that East Suffolk communities, Town and Parish Councils and businesses understand our EDI ambitions and role | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Review and revise the EDI information on the ESC website – ensure that there is a clear overview of our EDI work and ambitions b. Increase awareness of EDI and the 10 Protected Characteristic groups within East Suffolk through a range of mechanisms – website, our resident/tenant magazines, events, workshops, webinars etc | <p>Nicole Rickard</p> <p>Phil Harris / CLT</p> | * | | * |
| CL5. Improve community relations and tackle community tensions, including by challenging myths | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Collate information from Councillors and front-line staff about emerging community tensions in a more systematic and timely way – and feed this into decision making structures b. Raise awareness of community cohesion and explore ways to increase community cohesion in East Suffolk c. Maximise opportunities to increase understanding of diverse communities and their needs | <p>Sandra Lewis</p> <p>Nicole Rickard</p> <p>CLT</p> | | * | * |
| CL6. Better understand who is happy with our services and engagement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Monitor corporate complaints on the basis of protected characteristics where possible b. Include EDI specific questions in the Residents Survey | <p>Tom Darling – Fernley</p> <p>Sandra Lewis</p> | | * | * |
| CL7. Maximise opportunities for Inclusive Investment and lead by example as an inclusive employer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ensure that our approach to ‘inclusive investment’ means that investment in key programmes and projects benefits those who live in the most deprived communities b. Remove the GCSE requirements for some Apprenticeships and provide pre-Apprentice opportunities c. Consider additional Apprenticeships for Children Leaving Care d. Investigate signing up to Employers – Movement to Work (support employers to create employment and work experience opportunities for young people aged 16-30 who are not in education, employment or training) e. Continue work with schools and colleges, including mentoring, work experience support and career aspirations | <p>Paul Wood</p> <p>Heather Shilling</p> <p>Heather Shilling</p> <p>Heather Shilling</p> <p>Heather Shilling</p> | | | * |
| CL8. Encourage and recognise social value in our procurement processes and supply chains | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Update the ESC Strategic Procurement Strategy to better reflect social value b. Use data about EDI to inform our commissioning processes c. Include our ambitions around E and I in the revised social value ‘asks’ and reinforce through our procurement processes e.g. better due diligence about the EDI ethos of suppliers | <p>Amy Moye</p> <p>Amy Moye</p> <p>Amy Moye</p> | | * | |

East Suffolk Council – Thinking Equalities in all we do

Priority Projects

| Purpose | Proposed Project/Activity | Lead Officer | 0-6 months | 6-18 months | Ongoing |
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| TE1. Ensure we understand the needs of/barriers for the ten East Suffolk protected characteristic groups and share this widely to ensure that services better meet their needs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Agree what data we will collect and how we will use this data b. Agree a consistent way to capture insight and intelligence about/from protected characteristic groups c. Feed both hard and soft data into the new ESC Data Dashboard d. Ensure this data and insight informs service design (see also TE3) | <p>Sandra Lewis Services for All Group</p> <p>Sandra Lewis CLT</p> | * | * | * |
| TE2. Focus on providing the best experience for all customers, including by adapting services to meet specific needs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Make accessing the Council and our services as easy as possible b. Increase staff understanding about best practice in dealing with customers with diverse needs - and the importance of not making assumptions about those needs c. Be better at adapting services when we become aware of specific needs and share best practice widely d. Ensure a more consistent approach to our engagement, communication and marketing to customers (including languages and use of plain English') e. Ensure staff are aware of available tools e.g. Language Line, sign language interpreters, easy read, and how to access them f. Increase use of 'Plain English' in all communication g. Make our website more user friendly and test with Protected Characteristic groups h. Consider how we reach customers who don't read or write – alternative forms of contact i. Explore an on-line chat function for Customer Services Team | <p>CLT Tom Darling – Fernley</p> <p>CLT</p> <p>Phil Harris</p> <p>Phil Harris</p> <p>CLT / Phil Harris Sandra Lewis</p> <p>Sandra Lewis</p> <p>Tom Darling – Fernley</p> | * | | * |

| Purpose | Proposed Project/Activity | Lead Officer | 0-6 months | 6-18 months | Ongoing |
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| TE3. Regularly review the ESC EDI strategy - informed by data about, and intelligence from, the ten protected characteristic groups (ARCAP) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Review our equality objectives and ensure they are SMART b. Embed these objectives in the revised Strategic Plan and individual Service and Team Plans c. Produce an annual Equality Report to show how we are performing against our agreed objectives | CLT Kate Blakemore Kate Blakemore/ Nicole Rickard | | * | * |
| TE4. Have a clear and visible race equality policy championed by political and officer leadership (ARCAP) (ALLYSHIP: SPONSOR) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Include a section on Race Equality in the updated Equity, Diversity and Inclusion policy, promote this widely and ensure review of progress by Corporate Leadership Team | Nicole Rickard | * | | |
| TE5. Undertake Equality Impact Assessments (EqIAs) for all strategic-level decisions. (ARCAP) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ensure that EqIAs are an integral part of decision making – including through discussion with/by Councillors before coming to a decision b. Provide further training for officers and Councillors on the EqIA process, form and best practice c. Review and provide feedback on individual EqIAs d. Provide examples of good EqIA's on Sharepoint e. Involve Protected Characteristic groups in EqIAs f. Link EqIAs into the Report Writing training g. Link EqIAs into the refreshed ESC project management approach | CLT Nicole Rickard Nicole Rickard Nicole Rickard CLT/Managers Heather Shilling Sandra Lewis | * | | |
| TE6. Work in partnership with protected characteristic groups to co-produce projects to meet identified needs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Work with protected characteristic groups to develop projects/initiatives e.g. Men's Sheds, Woman to Woman b. Build on the outcomes of the 'Embracing Difference' workshop at Pathways Care Farm in April 2023 | CLT Nicole Rickard | | | * |
| TE8. Tackle digital exclusion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Consider 'digital poverty' and increase digital access, including through our 'digital champions' b. Ensure that there are non-digital alternatives (e.g. face to face) c. Ensure a flexible and responsive approach to delivering services | Nick Khan CLT CLT | | * | |



CABINET
Tuesday, 05 December 2023

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| Subject | Environment Task Group - Quarterly Update |
| Cabinet Member | Councillor Rachel Smith-Lyte Cabinet Member with responsibility for the Environment |
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| Is the report Open or Exempt? | OPEN |
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| Category of Exempt Information and reason why it is NOT in the public interest to disclose the exempt information. | Not applicable |
| Wards Affected: | All Wards |

Purpose and high-level overview

Purpose of Report:

The purpose of this report is to advise Cabinet on the current status and work of the cross-party Environment Task, chaired by the Cabinet Member with responsibility for the Environment.

Options:

Not applicable

Recommendation/s:

1. That this report from the Environment Task Group be accepted and approved.
2. That Cabinet confirm that the Group is to continue to deliver the task it was set.

Corporate Impact Assessment

Governance:

The Environment Task Group is a cross-party group chaired by the Cabinet Member with responsibility for the Environment and reports direct to Cabinet.

ESC policies and strategies that directly apply to the proposal:

The work of the Environment Task Group directly supports the Council's 'Our Direction' and delivers on the commitment "delivering positive climate, nature, and environmental impacts through the decisions we make and actions we take" to ensure this is progressively influencing all the Council's policies and strategies.

Environmental:

The Environment Task Group through the issues it is considering and monitoring will have a direct and far-reaching effect on the Council's environmental agenda and priorities.

Equalities and Diversity:

There are no specific equalities or diversity impacts arising from this report. The work of the Environment Task Group directly and through its influence the work of the Council to respond to the Climate and Nature Emergencies will however impact on all those who live and work in East Suffolk or visit the area.

Financial:

There are no specific Financial impacts arising from this update report.

Human Resources:

There are no Human Resources impacts arising from this update report.

ICT:

There are no ICT impacts arising from this update report.

Legal:

There are no Legal impacts arising from this update report.

Risk:

There are no new Risks arising from this update report.

External Consultees: None

Our Direction 2028 Priorities

| The priorities of Our Direction 2028 are supported by this proposal: | Priorities |
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| Environmental Impact | |
| Continued commitment to net zero by 2030 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Supporting sustainable transport | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Restoring ecosystems and biodiversity | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Support, promote and implement green tech | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Work in partnership to manage coastal adaptation and resilience | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Focus on reduction, re-use and recycling of materials | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Encourage food self-sufficiency | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Preserve and maintain the district's beauty and heritage | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Background and Justification for Recommendation

| 1 Background facts | |
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| 1.1 | <p>FORMATION</p> <p>The Environment Task Group (ETG) has been re-formed under this administration and held its first meeting in July 2023. Further information on its role is in section 3.</p> |

2 Summary of Environment-related activity since it was re-formed

2.1 The Environment Task Group (ETG) has been re-formed under this administration and held its first meeting in July 2023.

The ETG is a task group of Cabinet, comprised of nine cross-party Members nominated by their parties. All members of the group share a common passion for protecting our environment in all of its forms and work in collaboration.

Cllr Smith-Lyte, Cabinet Member for the Environment is Chair of the group.

The group has reviewed and agreed its terms of reference, which are as follows:

- a) To make recommendations to Cabinet on areas for improvement following the review of existing policies which impact on the environment and to identify and make recommendations on developing new environmental policies, where required, which will help to protect and enhance the environment.
- b) To recommend to Cabinet appropriate action plans and targets to help deliver the Council's environmental ambitions, including becoming carbon neutral by 2030.
- c) To consider and comment on the business case for investment and project delivery plans developed as part of the environment action plan before consideration by Cabinet.
- d) To monitor progress with delivering the action plans and achieving targets and report on progress to Cabinet on a quarterly basis.
- e) To consider government consultation documents relating to environmental matters and assist Cabinet in formulating its response.
- f) For members of the Task Group to act as Environmental Champions for the East Suffolk Council and their parish councils, leading by example and advocating for good environmental stewardship.
- g) To identify areas for further research and invite presentations, workshops and discussions with experts in a wide range of environmental issues, as appropriate, to help inform the Council's policies and action plans.
- h) To consider the best way of engaging with key partners of the Council on environmental issues.
- i) To consider and help formulate a communication strategy to promote the Council's activities relating to environmental issues.

The re-formed group met on 12 July 2023 and agreed to hold monthly meetings over this administration's term of office.

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| 2.2 | <p>The group discussed and agreed the following areas of interest, which will be refined further in December 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Educating & empowering the public ▪ Boosting biodiversity ▪ Climate change action & net zero ▪ Low carbon homes & Planning policy ▪ Sustainable agricultural practices ▪ Water quality & availability ▪ Energy efficiency ▪ Green Schools - for nature & climate ▪ Improving soil quality ▪ Reducing waste, increasing recycling ▪ New partnerships with key organisations ▪ Low carbon transport ▪ Increasing funding & resources ▪ Lobbying ▪ Sustainable food production ▪ Decarbonisation ▪ Reducing food waste ▪ Calling out greenwashing |
| 2.3 | <p>To date, the ETG has invited presentations from officers from ESC Housing and the Suffolk Warmer Homes, Healthy People teams to discuss the progress, challenges and opportunities relating to property energy retrofits and is forming potential recommendations related to this crucial topic.</p> <p>At the December meeting, the group will hear from the ESC Procurement team on how the environmental impact of the goods and services we purchase is factored-in to the current Procurement Policy and processes and will discuss the potential opportunities for strengthening these key considerations.</p> |

| 3 Reason/s for recommendation | |
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| 3.1 | <p>It has been agreed that the Environment Task Group would provide quarterly updates on its work to Cabinet.</p> |
| 3.2 | <p>As the need to react further and faster to the climate and nature emergencies become increasingly apparent the Group will continue to have a significant role considering and supporting initiatives and providing opinions to Cabinet on any matters referred to it. For this reason, Cabinet is invited to confirm it is delivering the task it has been set and to give any further guidance it considers appropriate.</p> |

Appendices

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| Background reference papers: |
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