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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

CABINET

Tuesday 8th April 2025

Present: Councillor Carole Pattison (Chair)
Councillor Moses Crook
Councillor Munir Ahmed
Councillor Tyler Hawkins
Councillor Viv Kendrick
Councillor Amanda Pinnock

Observers: Councillor Mohan Sokhal

Apologies: Councillor Beverley Addy
Councillor Graham Turner

118 Membership of Cabinet

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Addy and Turner.

119 Minutes of Previous Meeting

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 March 2025 be approved as a correct record.

120 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

121 Admission of the Public

It was noted that all items would be considered in public session.

122 Deputations/Petitions

No deputations or petitions were received.

123 Questions by Members of the Public

No questions were received.

124 Questions by Elected Members (Oral Questions)

No questions were asked.

125 Public Space Protection Orders

(Under the provision of Council Procedure Rule 36(1), Cabinet received a representation from Councillor Mohan Sokhal.)

Cabinet gave consideration to the revision of the Council's Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO), along with a proposal to introduce new PSPO's.

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Cabinet was advised that a single new PSPO for Batley, Dewsbury, Holmfirth, Huddersfield, Ravensthorpe Town Centres addressing (i) Street Drinking (ii) Bird Feeding and (iii) Loitering, Nuisance Behaviour and Temporary Structures would be introduced.

Cabinet noted that the existing PSOP's in relation to (i) control of fires and barbecues (ii) control of sky lanterns, fireworks and balloons and (iii) dog fouling which would remain and be amalgamated into one PSPO.

Regarding options considered, it was determined that the existing PSPO's did not sufficiently address the changing nature of antisocial behaviour, and did not provide sufficient flexibility to address issues arising. Following this feedback from engagement with partners, the option to retain the existing PSPO's without amendment was therefore rejected.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the revised Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) and to the introduction of new PSPO's.

126 LGA (Local Government Association) Corporate Peer Challenge - Kirklees Council Action Plan (Reference to Council)

Cabinet considered the Local Government Association (LGA) Corporate Peer Challenge report and action plan, following their visit to the Council in November 2024.

Cabinet noted the full feedback at Appendix B, which contained eight key recommendations for improvement, being (i) Budget, (ii) Transformation (iii) Regeneration Plans (iv) Planning (v) Working with Business and Economic Partners (vi) Member Roles and Development (vii) Continuing to Improve Performance and (viii) Developing a Longer-term Horizon. The action plan was produced which included specific timescales associated with each action and the responsible Service Director.

Cabinet was advised that the action plan set out the important next steps for the Council and built on recent work to improve and strengthen the Council's position for delivering on its priorities into the future.

The report outlined the proposal for ongoing delivery monitoring and reporting, noting that the LGA would return to Kirklees in September 2025 to undertake a progress review.

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the Local Government Association report as at Appendix B be noted.
- 2) That approval be given to the action plan as at Appendix A.
- 3) That the ongoing delivery monitoring and reporting of the action plan, as at 2.8 of the considered report be approved.
- 4) That the action plan be presented at Council on 23 April 2025 for noting.