



Coventry City Council

# Briefing Note

## Agenda Item 5

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**To: Cabinet**

**Date: 27<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

**Subject: Proposed Renewal of the City-Wide Public Space Protection Order – Dog Control 2024-2027**

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### **1 Purpose of the Note**

- 1.1 To inform Cabinet of the recommendations from Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee on their consideration of a report on the Proposed Renewal of the City-Wide Public Space Protection Order – Dog Control 2024-2027

### **2 Recommendations**

2.1 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that:

- 1) Cabinet approves the renewal of the Public Space Protection Order – Dog Control for a further three years and to make this order effective on 28th August 2024
- 2) Cabinet identifies ways to raise the public's awareness of how to report their concerns about dog behaviour, such as signage on site with QR codes.

### **3 Information and Background**

3.1 At their meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> August 2024 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee considered a report on the Proposed Renewal of the City-Wide Public Space Protection Order – Dog Control 2024-2027.

3.2 The Committee considered the report and asked questions of the officers. The areas of discussion included:

- The fact that enforcement powers are held by Council officers not the police.
- That officers are able to issue immediate fines if they see dog fouling which is zero tolerance. The dogs on lead requirements are often initiated by a warning before a ticket is issued.
- The use of surveillance information, including that from the public and whether CCTV could be a deterrent.
- All parks are covered by the order, the five premier parks have designated areas, which is why the maps are included in the report.

- That responsibility for dogs' behaviour and adherence to the orders are the responsibility of the dog owners.

#### **4 Health Inequalities Impact**

- 4.1 A full EIA has been completed as part of the Cabinet Report appendix 4, including health inequalities.

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