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TO COUNCILLOR:

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Dear Councillor *et al*

I hereby **SUMMON** you to attend a meeting of the **LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE** to be held at the **COUNCIL OFFICES, STATION ROAD, WIGSTON** on **THURSDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2017** at **6.30 PM** for the transaction of the business set out in the Agenda below.

Yours faithfully

Council Offices Wigston **06 October 2017**

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Anne Court Chief Executive (Interim)

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Results of Public Space Protection Orders Consultation

The Council undertook a consultation on the proposed Public Space Protection Order due to the repeal of the Councils Bylaws on dog fouling by statute under the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Police Act 2014.

The Council undertook a borough wide consultation through a survey monkey questionnaire on the Councils website. This was advertised by several Facebook notifications and twitter feeds. The survey ran from 18 July 2017 to 8 September 2017. In addition hard copies were left at Customer Contact Centre.

The results of the survey were:

- 138 responses via the survey monkey, 9 responses by hard copy
- % supporting continuing enforcement powers in: Parks 40%, Recreation Grounds 52%, Open Spaces 31%
- Enforce keeping dogs out of enclosed play areas 68%
- Enforce carrying poop bags 84%
- Enforce dogs on leads in designated areas 57%
- 87 expressed an opinion on the areas to be included in the PSPO but NO further areas would be added from the draft PSPO. However, 21 requested dogs be kept on leads at all times within the Borough being added
- Sanctions to be imposed for failing to pick up after a dog FPN 92%, Education 66%, Community Payback 51%
- Sanction to be imposed for means of picking up after a dog FPN 62% Education 50% Community Payback 33%
- Sanctions for allowing dogs in excluded areas FPN 50%, Education 32%, Community Payback 28%
- Sanctions for dogs on leads in designated areas FPN 56%, Education 35%, Community Payback 33%



THE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014

THE PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (OADBY AND WIGSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL) 2017

Oadby and Wigston Borough Council (in this order called "the Authority") hereby makes the following Order:

This Order comes into force on Monday the XXX of XXX 2017 for a period of 3 years.

Offences

1. Fouling

If within the administrative area of the authority a dog defecates at any time on land to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission and a person who is in charge of the dog at the time fails to remove the faeces from the land forthwith, that person shall be guilty of an offence unless

- (a) They have reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- (b) The owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.

2. Leads by order

A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time, within the administrative area of the Authority he does not comply with a direction given to him by an authorised officer of the Authority to put and keep the dog on a lead unless

- (a) They have reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- (b) The owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.

An authorised officer may only give a direction under this order if such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or to a bird or another animal.

3. Leads

A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time, (during the period specified in the schedule if stated), on land detailed in Schedule 1 below he does not keep the dog on a lead unless

(a) They have reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or

(b) The owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.

4. Means to pick up

A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time, within the administrative area of the Authority he/she does not have with him/her an appropriate means to pick up dog faeces deposited by that dog unless:

- (a) They have reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- (b) The owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.

The obligation is complied with if, after a request from an authorised officer the person in charge of the dog produces an appropriate means to pick up the dog faeces.

5. Exclusion

A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time, he takes the dog onto, or permits the dog to enter or to remain on, any land detailed in Schedule 2 below unless

- (a) They have reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- (b) The owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.

6. Exemptions

Nothing in this order shall apply to a person who:

- (a) Is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948; or
- (b) Is deaf, in respect of a dog trained by Hearing Dogs for Deaf People (registered charity number 293358) and upon which he/she relies for assistance; or
- (c) A person with a disability affecting their mobility, manual dexterity or ability to lift, carry or move everyday objects and who relies upon a dog trained by a prescribed charity for assistance.

For the purpose of this order:

- (a) A person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog;
- (b) Placing the faeces in a receptacle on the land which is provided for the purpose, or for the disposal of waste, shall be sufficient removal from the land;
- (c) Being unaware of the defecation (whether by reason of not being in the vicinity or otherwise), or not having a device for or other suitable means of removing the faeces shall not be a reasonable excuse for failing to remove the faeces:
- (d) "An authorised officer of the Authority" means an employee, partnership agency or contractor of Oadby and Wigston Borough Council who is authorised in writing by Oadby and Wigston Borough Council for the purposes of giving directions under the order.
- (e) Each of the following is a "prescribed charity"
 - Dogs for the Disabled (registered charity number 700454)
 - Support Dogs Limited (registered charity number 1088281)

• Canine Partners for Independence (registered charity number 803680)

7. Penalty

A person who is guilty of an offence under this order shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale

SCHEDULE ONE

The Keeping of Dogs on Lead

This order applies to all land described below:

Map No.	Location Geographical Area	Area	Description
	Oadby		
1	Aintree Crescent	Oadby	Open space
2	Berkeley Close	Oadby	Open space
3	Hill Field	Oadby	Open space
4	Parklands	Oadby	Open space
5	Tynedale Close	Oadby	Open space
6	Hamble Road	Oadby	Open space
7	Hayden Walk	Oadby	Open space
8	St Peter's Churchyard	Oadby	Churchyard
9	5-15 London Road	Oadby	Blind Garden
10	Oadby Cemetery, Wigston Road, LE2 5QB	Oadby	Cemetery
11	Wigston Road Allotments, Wigston Road, Oadby, LE2 5JE	Oadby	Allotments
12	Brabazon Road Allotments, Brabazon Road, Oadby, LE2 5BN	Oadby	Allotments
	Wigston		
13	Bodmin Avenue	Wigston	Open space
14	Herrick Way	Wigston	Open space
15	Horsewell	Wigston	Open space
16	Mablowe Fields	Wigston	Open space
17	Penney Close	Wigston	Open space
18	Acorn Way	Wigston	Open space
19	Amesbury Road	Wigston	Open space
20	Grassington Drive	Wigston	Open space
21	Rosedale	Wigston	Open space
22	Kelmarsh Avenue/ Alport Way	Wigston	Open space
23	Launceston Corner	Wigston	Open space

24	Meres Walk	Wigston	Open space
25	Lime Kilns/Heards Close	Wigston	Open space
26	Blaby Road Park	Wigston	Open Space
27	All Saints Churchyard	Wigston	Churchyard
28	St Wolstan's Churchyard	Wigston	Churchyard
29	Wigston, Welford Road, LE18 3TE	Wigston	Cemetery
30	Aylestone Lane Allotments, Aylestone Lane, Wigston, LE18 1AA	Wigston	Allotments
31	Manchester Gardens Allotments, Blunts Lane / Long Lane, Wigston, LE18	Wigston	Allotments
	South Wigston		
32	Pochins Bridge	South Wigston	Open space
33	Taylors Bridge Road	South Wigston	Open space
34	Ellison Close	South Wigston	Open space
35	Narrow Boat Close POS	South Wigston	Open space

SCHEDULE TWO

Dog Exclusion Areas

This order applies to all land described below:

Map No.	Location Geographical Area	Area	Description
	Oadby		
36	Ellis Park Bowls Green (inside Ellis Park, Brabazon Road, LE2 5BN)	Oadby	Bowls Green
36	Tennis Courts (inside Ellis Park, Oadby, LE2 5BN)	Oadby	Tennis Courts
36	Ellis Park	Oadby	Play Area
37	Brocks Hill Country Park Small Play Area and Amphitheatre	Oadby	Play Area
37	Brocks Hill Country Park Natural Play Area	Oadby	Play Area
38	Iliffe Avenue Park	Oadby	Play Area
39	Florence Wragg Way	Oadby	Play Area
40	London Road Playground	Oadby	Play Area
41	Rosemead Park	Oadby	Play Area
42	Uplands Playing Field	Oadby	Play Area
43	Coombe Park	Oadby	Play Area
44	Fox Hollow	Oadby	Play Area
	Wigston		
45	Tennis Courts (inside Peace Memorial Park, Wigston, LE18 2PB)	Wigston	Tennis Court
46	Willow Park	Wigston	Play Area
46	Skate Park (inside Willow Park, Wigston, LE18 1AB)	Wigston	Skate Park
47	Meadows	Wigston	Play Area
48	Poplars/Freer Park	Wigston	Play Area
49	Hayes Park	Wigston	Play Area
50	Attenborough Close	Wigston	Play Area
51	Two Steeples Square	Wigston	Play Area
17	Horsewell Lane Park	Wigston	Play Area

	South Wigston		
52	William Gunning Park	South Wigston	Play Area
26	Blaby Road Park	South Wigston	Play Area

1/2 day 'Recognizing and Responding to CSE' Awareness Raising session

Bespoke Session for Private Hires, Hackney Carriages and Taxi Drivers

Session	
Welcome and Introductions	

Aims and objectives of training

• The participants will be introduced to the aims and objectives of the training and what they could hope to achieve by the end of the training

Group working agreement

• A common set of rules that will set the expectations from participants and the trainer e.g. respect, confidentiality, time keeping etc. to enable participants to fully engage and confidently contribute throughout the training

Disclaimer

• Given the sensitive nature of the training subject, I also remind participants of taking time out should the discussions or materials overwhelm or upset them in any way or form. Participants will also be reminded of confidentiality, the limits of it and also to only share information that they are comfortable sharing

What is Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)?

- **Group Exercise**: Participants will be asked to brainstorm on what their understanding of CSE is and to feedback to the wider group
- Explores their understanding and current knowledge of the subject matter.
- Delegates are then introduced to the national definition (which very often reflects their own understanding of the concept of CSE)

Facts and Figures: The Reality of CSE in the UK

- **Group Exercise:** Delegates are provided with some statements relating to the prevalence of CSE and asked to match the statements to figures. This activity is intended to get them thinking that despite being a hidden issue, CSE still continues to hit staggering statistics on how prevalent it currently is in the UK and that this figures are only the tip of the iceberg.
- Slides presentation: A brief insight into the grooming process and vulnerabilities of children and young people being targeted for CSE. We also review how young people are targeted. The discussion also encourages them to challenge their own perspectives of how young people may get caught up in exploitative situations and gets across the very important message that although some young people may appear to be choosing or consenting to be involved in sexual exploitation, the reality is that children and young people cannot consent to their own abuse and the responsibility always lies with the adult committing the act

How could this affect you as taxi drivers - open discussion and slide presentation

- This is an important aspect of the training as it highlights the need for taxi drivers to be trained in being able to spot signs and indicators of CSE.
- It also emphasises that they are the eyes and ears of the community and are in a perfect position to spot signs of CSE and hence form a very important part of a network to put a stop to children and young people being exploited or trafficked for sexual purposes -
 - Very often drivers feel compelled to attend the training due to it being a license

requirement and this sense of importance helps them to understand that it goes beyond that and touches on their social and moral responsibilities.

Break

What can you do to help and what help is available for you?

- **DVD Barnado's: Nightwatch: Empowering The Night Time Economy To Tackle CSE** An animated film from Barnardo's showing how front line, including taxi drivers can play an important role in helping keep young people safe from sexual exploitation. The film follows a journey of a young girl and a perpetrator and highlights how, if you feel that something just isn't quite right, you should report it. The DVD highlights missed opportunity and shows how everyone can provide a network of eyes and ears .
- **Group exercise:** This is a brainstorming exercise for delegates to start thinking about warning signs and indicators that they could look out for that might indicate a child/young person at risk of CSE, which includes discussion on being alert to sudden changes in behaviours especially if the young person is known to the driver; addresses that they take the young person to, hints in conversations and anything else that could indicate that they might be at risk.
- Best practice in responding to CSE open discussion and slides presentation Given what's been covered so far in the session, delegates are reminded the importance of best practice in safeguarding the child/young person who may make disclosure to them, especially since that cab journey might be the only window of opportunity to safety for that child/young person. Key aspects such as listening, reassuring the child/young person, not promising secrecy or investigating further and more importantly reporting it to their designated safeguarding lead as soon as possible form part of the discussion.
- Local Response

The session is finished by providing delegates with numbers and details of who they can contact if they have any concerns or would like to report an incident

• Delegates are reminded of the importance of being alert to signs of CSE, the need to report any concerns immediately and how their alertness and cooperation agains CSE is a lifesaving skill and could make a huge difference in the lives of many children and young people

Questions, Evaluations and Close of Training

The about outline might seem a little heavy at the outset but the sessions are very informal, discursive and is presented using a mixture of audio visuals and small group discussions to maintain interest, and has been well received by all the drivers to whom I deliver to within Leicester City and county wide for the last 2 -3 years. Feedback has always been positive and those who attend have always found it informative and knowledge enhancing both on a professional and personal level.

Mega Arumugam 18th September 2017