

OFFICER DECISION NOTICE



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A. Decisions taken by officers under a specific express delegation from Council or a Committee.

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1. Title of decision:	Implementation of Borough-wide Public Spaces Protection Order
2. Date of the decision:	16 March 2026
3. The decision maker:	Executive Director for Communities and Adult Social Care

4. Decision details:

To finalise and publish a Borough-wide Public Spaces Protection Order in the terms set out in Appendix 1.

5. Reasons for the decision:

On 17 November 2025, Policy Committee considered a proposal to implement a Borough-wide Public Spaces Protection Order and approved the following recommendations:

1. That Policy Committee note the outcome of the public consultation that ran from 21 July 2025 – 7 September 2025.
2. That Policy Committee agree that a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) is introduced as outlined in section 3.
3. That Policy Committee delegate authority to the Executive Director for Communities and Adult Social Care in consultation with the Assistant Director of Legal & Democratic Services and the Lead Councillor for Environmental Services and Community Safety to finalise and publish the proposed conditions for the PSPO set out in paragraph 3.8, subject to final legal drafting.
4. That Policy Committee agree the consequences of breach as being a Fixed Penalty notice of £100 as an alternative to prosecution which carries a maximum fine of £1,000.
5. That Policy Committee note the creation of a PSPO Implementation Project Board to oversee implementation and communications activity.

The draft PSPO attached at Appendix 1 has been developed in consultation with the Implementation Project Board (including Community Safety, Public Protection and Homelessness Officers and representatives of Thames Valley Police), the Director of

Legal and Governance and the Lead Councillor for Environmental Services and Community Safety and is considered to be proportionate, enforceable and legally robust.

6. Alternative options considered (if any) and rejected:

None

7. List of open Background Papers:

[PSPO Application Report to Nov Policy Committee FINAL.pdf](#)

8. List of confidential or exempt Background Papers:

None

9. Any other matters taken into consideration:

<input type="checkbox"/> Legitimate expectation of consultation	<input type="checkbox"/> Procedural requirements
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Health implications	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental or Climate Change
<input type="checkbox"/> Health and Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Risk Management implications
<input type="checkbox"/> Transparency of Information (FOI etc)	<input type="checkbox"/> Privacy Impact Assessments
<input type="checkbox"/> Human Rights Act Duties	<input type="checkbox"/> Equality Impact Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Parenting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Safety
<input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory duties	<input type="checkbox"/> EU withdrawal
<input type="checkbox"/> Armed Forces Covenant	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Details of the matters taken into account:

None

10. Legal considerations

As per the legal implications set out in the report to Policy Committee on 17 November 2025: [PSPO Application Report to Nov Policy Committee FINAL.pdf](#).

11. Financial considerations

As per the financial implications set out in the report to Policy Committee on 17 November 2025: [PSPO Application Report to Nov Policy Committee FINAL.pdf](#).

12. Internal consultations

A PSPO Implementation Project Board has been established.
Internal Legal Services have led on the drafting of the PSPO and associated documents.
The Director of Legal and Governance and the Lead Councillor for Environmental Services and Community Safety have been consulted, as per paragraph 18 below.

Sections 13- 18: To be completed only for Decision A (express delegation from a Committee)

13. The name of the Committee:

Policy Committee

14. Date of the meeting:	17 November 2025
15. Minute number:	40(3)
16. The delegation given by the Committee:	That the Executive Director for Communities and Adult Social Care, in consultation with the Assistant Director of Legal & Democratic Services and the Lead Councillor for Environmental Services and Community Safety, be authorised to finalise and publish the proposed conditions for the PSPO as set out in paragraph 3.8 of the report, subject to final legal drafting
17. The name of any member of the committee who declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision:	None
18. Any councillor or officer required to be consulted prior to the exercise of this delegation and details of their response.	Director of Legal and Democratic Services, Lead Councillor for Environmental Services and Community Safety