



Doncaster Council

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS - DECISION RECORD

The following decision was taken on Thursday, 7th January, 2021 by:-

Councillor Chris McGuinness, Cabinet Member for Communities, Voluntary Sector and the Environment.

Date notified to all Members: Thursday, 7th January, 2021

End of the call-in period is 5.00 p.m. on Monday, 18th January, 2021. This decision will not be implemented until after this date and time.

Present: Councillor Chris McGuinness
Bill Hotchkiss, Head of Service, Community Safety

1. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE

Renewal of Existing Alley gate Public Spaces Protection Order.

2. DECISION TAKEN

Councillor Chris McGuinness:-

- (i) Noted and considered the outcomes of a consultation on the renewal of the Alley gate Public Spaces Protection Order across the specific areas within Doncaster borough; and
- (ii) Approved the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order as set out in Appendix 1.

3. REASONS FOR URGENCY

The current order expired at the end of October 2020 and therefore a decision is required urgently. Work around consultation began in May 20 to collect data and consultation evidence, however it became clear that engagement and consultation results were not as expected, and this was attributed to Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown. Therefore, the consultation period was extended in order to gain a realistic and representative response from residents. This delay and uncertainty has meant that the usual 28 days' notice required for this decision could not be provided. This decision is therefore being taken in accordance with the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rule 15, General Exception.



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4. REASONS FOR DECISION

To continue the legal order allowing alleyways to be gated and closed to prevent crime and Anti-Social Behaviour.

This decision will ensure alley gates continue to be a visible deterrent and assist in preventing incidences of crime and disorder, including criminal damage, burglary, anti-social behaviour and environmental crimes.

5. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Alternative recommendation was to remove all gates and allow unrestricted access to the alleyways.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

7. IF EXEMPT, REASON FOR EXEMPTION

Not Exempt.

8. RESPECTIVE DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Phil Holmes, Director of Adults Health and Wellbeing.

Signed: Councillor Chris McGuinness Signature:



Cabinet Member for Communities, Voluntary Sector and The Environment

~~Chair~~/Decision Maker