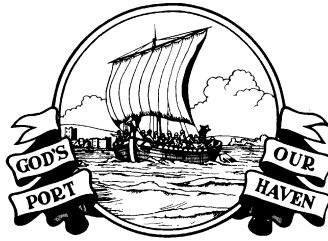




GOSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

**Wednesday, 13 December 2023
6.00 pm**



Notice is hereby given that a **MEETING** of the **COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF GOSPORT** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, GOSPORT, PO12 1EB** on **WEDNESDAY** the **THIRTEENTH** of **DECEMBER 2023** at **6PM**, AND **ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND TO CONSIDER AND RESOLVE THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS –**

1. To receive apologies from Members for their inability to attend the meeting
2. Declarations of Interest

All Members are required to disclose at this point in the meeting or as soon as possible thereafter, any disclosable pecuniary interest or personal interest in any item(s) being considered at this meeting.

3. Mayor's Communication
4. To confirm the minutes of the Council held on 18 October 2023 (Pages 7 - 16)
To sign the minutes as a true and correct record.

5. To receive Deputations in accordance with Standing Order No. 3.4 and to answer Public Questions pursuant to Standing Order No.3.5, such questions to be answered orally during a time not exceeding 15 minutes.

(NOTE: Standing Order No. 3.4 requires that notice of a Deputation should be received by the Borough Solicitor NOT LATER THAN 12 O’CLOCK NOON ON MONDAY 11 DECEMBER 2023 and likewise Standing Order No. 3.5 requires that notice of a Public Question should be received by the Borough Solicitor NOT LATER THAN 12 O’CLOCK NOON ON MONDAY 11 DECEMBER 2023)

6. Questions (if any) pursuant to Standing Order No. 3.3

(NOTE: Members are reminded that Standing Order No. 3.3 requires that Notice of Question pursuant to that Standing Order must be received by the Borough Solicitor NOT LATER THAN 12 O’CLOCK NOON ON TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2023)

7. To receive the Part I Minutes of the Boards of the Council (Pages 17 - 36)
Policy and Organisation Board – 29 November 2023

8. To receive the Part II Minutes of the Boards of the Council (Pages 37 - 40)
Policy and Organisation Board - 29 November 2023
9. Animal Welfare Charter (Pages 41 - 52)
This report sets out the proposed Animal Welfare Charter as recommended by the Animal Welfare Working Group.
10. Gosport and Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) 2023 (Pages 53 - 82)
This report seeks approval from Full Council to make the Gosport and Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order 2023 to replace the 2020 order.
11. Outside body appointment
To nominate an appointment to Bridgemaury Bowling Club.
12. Any Other Items

**DEBBIE GORE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**TOWN HALL
GOSPORT**

5 December 2023

FIRE PRECAUTIONS

(To be read by the Mayor if members of the public are present)

In the event of the fire alarm being activated, please leave the Council Chamber and Public Gallery immediately. Proceed downstairs by way of the main stairs or as directed by GBC staff, follow any of the emergency exit signs. People with disability or mobility issues please identify yourself to GBC staff who will assist in your evacuation of the building.

This meeting may be filmed or otherwise recorded. By attending this meeting, you are consenting to any broadcast of your image and being recorded.

MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO NOTE THAT:

(1) IF THE COUNCIL WISHES TO CONTINUE ITS BUSINESS BEYOND 9.30PM THEN THE MAYOR MUST MOVE SUCH A PROPOSITION IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 4.11.18

(2) MOBILE PHONES SHOULD BE SWITCHED OFF OR SWITCHED TO SILENT FOR THE DURATION OF THE MEETING

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 18 OCTOBER 2023 AT 6.00 pm

Attendance:

The Mayor (Pepper) (in the Chair)

Councillors Ms Ballard, Beavis, Bradley, Burgess, Casey, Chegwyn, Mrs Cully, Earle, Hammond, Herridge, Mrs Huggins, Hutchison, Hylands, Jessop, Miss Kelly, Mrs Morgan, Pepper, Philpott, Raffaelli, Scard, Westerby, Durrant, Gledhill, Marshall, Maynard, Bradley and Cox

Also in attendance: Honorary Alderman Dixon

APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were received from Councillor Johnston and Honorary Freeman O'Neill and Edgar.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

MAYORS COMMUNICATION

The Mayor advised that there were two presentations to be made, the first was to Wendy Redman, who was leaving her role at the Gosport Museum and Gallery after 25 years. The Mayor thanked her for her work, and it was recognised that she would be sorely missed.

The second presentation was from Mark Smith of Gosport Fairtrade Action who was presenting a certificate recognising the Borough's status as a Fairtrade Borough. He spoke about the things the Borough and the Council were undertaking and sought support for additional measures and support in enhancing the Fairtrade actions of the Borough.

TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 19 JULY 2023

RESOLVED: That, subject to a small amendment, the minutes of the meeting on the 19th July 2023 be signed as a true and correct record.

DEPUTATIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The Council was advised that there was one deputation, but that it would be heard alongside the appropriate motion at agenda item 7.

MEMBERS QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

There were four Members questions

A question in the name of Councillor Casey to the Chairman of the Community and Environment Board.

Could the Chair of the C&E Board please give an update on where we are with the work and the finances for the Stokes Bay Sea Defences at the Alverbank East car park and when can we expect to see these essential sea coastal repairs completed and the car park brought back into use?

Answer: A replacement seawall has been designed. However due to the impact of inflation, the forecast cost for these works was estimated to exceed the available funding. Hampshire County Council (Highways) and Gosport Borough Council have submitted a joint local levy funding bid to the Southern RFCC, to seek the required funds to close the current funding gap. This is being considered by the Southern RFCC committee on the 26th October 2023. To maintain progress with the project, a planning application for these works has been submitted and is currently under consideration. A Marine License has also been submitted to the Marine Management Organisation for their consideration. We cannot move the project forwards until both the funding gap is closed and these consents are secured

Supplementary question: Given that the Borough Council has committed £60,000 to the project, will this be presented to Community and Environment Board or the Policy and Organisation Board given the significant spend involved.

Answer: Yes, it would be.

A question in the name of Councillor Philpott to the Leader of the Council.

Since 2014 a Joint Museum and Cultural Hub Committee (JMC) comprising of three Gosport Borough Councillors and three Hampshire County Councillors has met regularly to review and scrutinise how the two councils use funding from both authorities in running the Gosport Museum and Art Gallery. On 10th October 2023 Members of the JMC received a letter from GBC's Corporate Project Manager informing them that, following consultation with the current JMC Chairman, the Leader of GBC and the Hampshire Cultural Trust, the JMC was to be dissolved with immediate effect.

What were the reasons for this decision and why has the democratic oversight in the spending of public money been removed?

Answer: The Council was advised that the JMC had been in place since 1992 and the County Council Members had all been Conservative Members reducing the Democratic equality. The Committee was established as both Gosport Borough Council and Hampshire County Council contributed financially to the Museum. Hampshire County Council no longer contributed or managed the museum and were cutting funding to the Cultural trust, and there was therefore no need for County Council Members to be involved.

Moving forward the Museum would be invited to present annually to the Council, similarly to the Citizens Advice to present a summary of activity to the Members.

Supplimentary question: What did Hampshire County Council say when they were advised of the changes by the Leader?

Answer: I did not advise Hampshire County Council, Council Officers did.

A question in the name of Councillor Hammond to the Leader of the Council.

In light of the huge success of this summer's programme of free entry events supported by the Council, what plans are there for a repeat of the free entry events next summer?

Answer: The summer events were a huge success with thousands of people attending them. Events included Arts in the Park, supported by Hampshire Cultural Trust, and had also included events on the High Street.

The sunset festival had attracted over 15000 across three days and the Stoke Road festival had ended the season successfully. Tribute was paid to the traders of Stoke Road for delivering such a successful event.

It was intended to hold free entry events again in 2024 including events on Walpole Park for the end of July and beginning of September, party in the park and sunset festival.

Supplementary question: When land bookings are made, do events supported or organised by Gosport Borough Council take priority.

Answer: Yes, as the land owners we would have priority as the Council is committed to providing free, quality events for residents of the Borough.

A Question in the name of Councillor Hammond to the Leader of the Council?

Could I ask the leader to give members an update on how the Gosport Tuesday and Saturday markets are doing now Anchored has been brought in to run it? And can he also give members feedback on Government funds to regenerate Gosport High Street?

Nest and Anchor have been brought in to revitalise a decaying and dying market bringing in new ideas. The first market has taken place and had doubled the stall holders from 4 to 8 with reports of the butchers being sold out by lunchtime and as a result booking through until spring.

The first specialist market was being planned for November with 35 stalls interested in attending. The recent events in Stoke Road had shown that there was interest in such events.

Disappointment was expressed that funding had not been awarded from central government to enhance the High Street.

Supplementary question: Why do you think the Conservative Party is not interested in regenerating Gosport High Street?

Answer: It is disappointing that they don't wish to, when the High Street is dying, choosing to invest in areas with more marginal seats, but the Leader was pleased to report that he was meeting with a major investor to discuss the High Street next week.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Two notices of motion were received in the name of Councillors Huggins and Beavis, as detailed in the agenda.

A deputation had been received from the Lee on the Solent Royal British Legion with regard to the motion on Lee on the Solent Remembrance Service, read by Mr Watt as follows.

The local Branch of the Royal British Legion have been asked for their views on this motion as we were unaware that it had been submitted and since the Branch formed on 12th December 1932 it has been intricately involved with the Service.

Until the mid-2000s the Branch co-ordinated with some of the local Councillors and the local Community and the Parade commenced from the Branch's premises in the High Street culminating at the Memorial.

The route then changed and the Parade now commences at Beach Road Car Park.

Prior to Covid this was the norm and no costs for road closures were incurred.

Hampshire County Council then introduced the ruling that road closures had to be organised by a Traffic Management Company.

This brought slight problems as the RBL cannot use its charitable donations to fund road closures and in 2021 and 2022 funding was obtained locally to ensure that both Services at the Memorial in the Sunken Garden and FAA Memorial could go ahead.

It is acknowledged that GBC is meeting the request of the LGA's letter dated August 2023 in that it is facilitating the Civic event at the War Memorial Hospital on 12th November.

It is further acknowledged that although the Deputy Mayor attends the Service at the Sunken Garden it is not a Civic event.

Funding has once again been obtained to cover the costs of the road closures for both services this year.

Again, as previously stated we were unaware of this motion until recently and as future costs for the Services will be sourced from local community grants cannot understand the need for it.

We have a good rapport and support from some of the local Councillors who diligently promote the work of the RBL both publicly and in the giving of their time during the local Poppy Appeal and long may this continue.

Members sought clarification as it was believed that the RBL were not permitted to use their fundraised funds to pay for road closures and traffic management, which is why support had previously been gained by local Councillors.

This also highlighted a concern from other Members that the traffic management and road closures for the 2023 service had been organised without consultation with the RBL.

A Member advised that the LGA guidance was that the Local Authority should fund the Civic Remembrance event, and in Gosport, this was held at the War Memorial.

Members recognised the importance of Remembrance activities within the Borough and it was acknowledged that the Lord Lieutenant attended the event at the War Memorial, but there was also attendees from the military at the other events and all were considered important.

It was acknowledged that changes to traffic management were instigated by Hampshire County Council meaning that road closures now had to be undertaken by traffic management companies, volunteers could no longer be used, and this came at a cost. The events in Lee on the Solent had need to find funding for this.

Members expressed concern that arrangements for the traffic management for the event in Lee on the Solent had been made without consulting the RBL, with proposals to make it into a larger scale, day long event, rather than the service of reflection it currently was.

Members questioned whether investigation could be undertaken into Gosport Borough Council staff undertaking training to ensure the correct accreditation for traffic management were available. It was clarified that the officers of the Council could produce traffic orders, but not supervise road closures.

Members congratulated the RBL on securing funding previously.

A Member advised that they had undertaken some research into the RBL's governance arrangement documents and it stated that the local branches were not in any way to be involved in, procure or pay for traffic management and road closures associated with services and questioned that in facilitating the event the RBL were at risk of breaking their own rules.

The Council reiterated the importance of such events and felt that it was not appropriate to play politics with it and acknowledged there were a number of events across the Borough that took place, all of which were important.

It was requested that a named vote on the motion be undertaken.

The motion was presented to the Council

It is hereby requested that all acts of Remembrance within the Borough of Gosport be treated with equal consideration and support from the Council and that the costs associated with all Road Closures for Remembrance Services be covered by the Council. This request is made in alignment with the letter jointly signed by the Chair of the Local Government Association (LGA), the Director General of the Royal British Legion (RBL) and the Chair of the National Associations of Local Councils and addressed to the Leader of Gosport Borough Council.

With voting as follows:

FOR the motion: Councillors Beavis, Burgess, Gledhill, Huggins, Jessop, Morgan, Philpott, Raffaelli, Scard. (9)

AGAINST the motion: Councillors Ballard, M Bradley, K Bradley, Chegwyn, Cox, Durrant, Earle, Hammond, Herridge, Hutchison, Hylands, Kelly, Marshall, Maynard, Westerby. (15)

ABSTAINED: Councillor Cully, The Mayor.

The Motion was lost.

A motion was received in the name of Councillor Huggins

The motion was introduced to the Council noting the decline in the ocean environment and that as a peninsula the protection of it should be of paramount importance. It was felt that more should be undertaken to educate, and improve the oceans conditions to allow them to be enjoyed for generations to come.

Members acknowledged that education was important but also acknowledged there were significant demands on schools already.

An amendment was proposed to the Council as follows.

Addition of item 13

We censure and condemn the Tory Government for failing to regulate the water/wastewater companies, effectively turning a blind eye to raw sewerage dumping. This was allowed to happen on their watch without let or hindrance on at least 301091 occasions in 2022. Moreover the Tory Government has sent the wrong signal relating to the urgent need to significantly reduce our carbon footprint by putting back legislation on vehicle carbon emissions and domestic gas boiler emissions. This contributes to global warming, raising ocean temperatures, and melting Arctic and Antarctic ice sheets and caps. The Tory Government has also introduced yet another consultation on banning plasticised wet wipes that, when disposed of, break down into micro plastics which have already polluted all the oceans and seas. They first laid out this intention to ban in 2018. We regret that it is another example of Tory Party dither and delay that typifies its approach to governing without decisive leadership.

Members expressed concern that the political nature of the proposed amendment and felt that the motion in its proposed form presented an opportunity for a unified approach.

Members recognised there were many local charities promoting better ocean health.

A vote was taken on the proposed amendment that which was carried.

A named vote was taken on the substantive motion as follows

From the Rivers to the Seas: The Urgent Need for Ocean & River Recovery

We recognise that we need ocean recovery to meet our net zero carbon targets, and we need net zero carbon to recover our ocean.

This Council pledges to:

1. Report to the Full Council within 12 months on the pledges that will begin an ocean recovery in the Borough of Gosport.

2. Include Ocean and River recovery and water conservation in the Borough Climate Change action plan.
3. Consider ocean-based solutions in our journey towards a carbon-neutral and climate-resilient future and include them in the Borough Climate Change Strategy.
4. Embed ocean recovery and the blue economy in all strategic decisions, plans, budgets, procurement, and approaches to decisions by the Council (particularly in planning, regeneration, skills, and economic policy).
5. Call for improved water quality in our seas and rivers, and that water companies and Environmental Agency are held accountable. Including water testing, regulation, investment into facilities, and reporting of self-monitoring (OSM).
6. Support water conservation through local and community initiatives e.g. education & awareness, plant native, collect grey water, community water butts, and ensure water-efficient fixtures in all GBC buildings.
7. Support the government's new initiative to use money from fines for water pollution to benefit the natural environment and the steps the government is taking towards a 'polluter pays' principle when it comes to tackling river pollution.
8. Ensure that local planning supports ocean recovery, working closely with the Marine Management Organisation to embed strong links between the Local Plan and the local Marine Plan to support ocean recovery.
9. Ensure that the Local Nature Recovery Strategy strives to support ocean recovery.
10. Work with partners locally and nationally to deliver increased sustainability in marine industries and develop a sustainable and equitable blue economy that delivers ocean recovery and local prosperity, including the local marine and fishing industry.
11. Grow ocean literacy and marine citizenship across the Borough of Gosport, working with Hampshire County Council and other stakeholder, ensuring all pupils are given the opportunity to experience the ocean first-hand before leaving primary school - striving to include home-schooled children - and promote sustainable and equitable access to the ocean through physical and digital experiences for all residents.
12. Write to the Government asking them to put the ocean into net recovery by 2030 by:
 - a) Call for reduction of sewage leaks and ensure water companies are held accountable if illegal dry spilling is practiced.
 - b) Increase regular water quality sampling and accountability and review the effectiveness of OSM.
 - c) Call for water companies to act quicker in repairing and locating water leaks and ensure water conservation is a priority. Investing in resources.
 - d) Ensuring Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities have the resources they need to effectively research and monitor our growing number of marine

- protected areas and to set and enforce appropriate fishing levels that support local economies and deliver environmental sustainability.
- e) Work with other coastal communities to co-develop marine policy to ensure it delivers equitable and sustainable outcomes in local placemaking.
 - f) Appoint a dedicated Minister for Coastal Communities.
 - g) Call for better support for farmers to help reduce runoff from agricultural use impacting waterways, especially through the Environmental Land Management scheme.
 - h) Stop plastic pollution at source by strengthening the regulations around single-use plastics and set standards for microfibre-catching filters to ensure that all new domestic and commercial washing machines are fitted with a filter that captures a high percentage of microfibres produced in the wash cycle.
 - i) And by listening to marine and social scientific advice to update the Marine Policy Statement and produce a national Ocean Recovery Strategy which will:
 - i. Enable the recovery of marine ecosystems rather than managing degraded or altered habitats in their reduced state.
 - ii. Consider levelling up, marine conservation, energy, industrial growth, flood, and coastal erosion risk management, climate adaptation and fisheries policy holistically rather than as competing interests.
 - iii. Develop a smarter approach to managing the health of the entire ocean that moves beyond Marine Protected Areas and enables links to be made across sectors towards sustainability.
 - iv. Establish improved processes for understanding the benefits of ocean recovery, leaving no doubt about the links between this and human lives, livelihoods, and well-being

13) We censure and condemn the Tory Government for failing to regulate the water/wastewater companies, effectively turning a blind eye to raw sewerage dumping. This was allowed to happen on their watch without let or hindrance on at least 301091 occasions in 2022. Moreover the Tory Government has sent the wrong signal relating to the urgent need to significantly reduce our carbon footprint by putting back legislation on vehicle carbon emissions and domestic gas boiler emissions. This contributes to global warming, raising ocean temperatures, and melting Arctic and Antarctic ice sheets and caps. The Tory Government has also introduced yet another consultation on banning plasticised wet wipes that, when disposed of, break down into micro plastics which have already polluted all the oceans and seas. They first laid out this intention to ban in 2018. We regret that it is another example of Tory Party dither and delay that typifies its approach to governing without decisive leadership.

FOR the substantive motion: Councillor Ballard; M Bradley, K Bradley, Chegwyn, Cox, Cully, Durrant, Earle, Hammond, Herridge, Hutchison, Hylands, Marshall, Maynard, Westerby,

AGAINST the substantive motion: Councillor Beavis, Burgess, Casey, Gledhill, Huggins, Jessop, Morgan, Philpott, Raffaelli, Scard.

ABSTAIN: Councillors Kelly, The Mayor.

PART II MINUTES OF THE BOARDS OF THE COUNCIL

RESOLVED: That the Part II Minutes of the following Boards

Community and Environment – 20 September 2023
Housing Board – 27 September 2023
Policy and Organisation Board – 4 October 2023

ANY OTHER ITEMS

RESOLVED: That Roy Gillett be appointed to the Alverstoke Trust until October 2027.

The Meeting concluded at 8.08 pm

The Mayor.

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COUNCIL

DATE OF MEETING: 13 DECEMBER 2023

REPORT BY: COUNCILLOR CHEGWYN (CHAIRMAN OF THE POLICY AND ORGANISATION BOARD)

At its meeting on 29 November 2023 the Policy and Organisation Board considered a report of the Borough Treasurer recommending to the Full Council the approval of the Fees and Charges as detailed in the report and appendix

The recommendations of the Board are as follows:

That the Board recommend that Full Council approve the Fees and Charges referred to in the report and appendix for implementation from 1 January 2024 or as soon as practically possible thereafter, unless stated otherwise.

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PART I MINUTES

FEES AND CHARGES

Consideration was given to a report of the Borough Treasurer detailing the proposed amended fees and charges.

In answer to a Member's question, the Board was advised that no particular index was used as an anchor to set rates as these were not sole indicators. Last year, October's CPI had been used, and was one of a number of indicators that had been evaluated to determine the fees and charges for the year.

It was advised that household inflation could not be followed as there were other factors to consider such as cost of services, price and volume of delivery and service enhancement.

Members questioned the large increase in charges for sports facilities, particularly as Gosport had an above average obesity problem and accessible sports facilities could help.

The Board was advised that although a complete review had not been undertaken to review the fees and charges, scoping work had taken place but that it would not be as easy as comparable datasets and was not granular. 12 months ago there had been an expectation of an elevation in inflation, between then and now, and a reduction had been unexpected and not a true reflection of current costs for the Council.

Members welcomed the inclusion of drugs tests for taxi licenses.

Members reiterated their concerns about the correlation of the increase, as car parking charges had increased 3 times since May 2022 but the increase across them varied from between 40 and 70 %. This variation in increase also applied to sports pitches.

Some Members felt that the sports pitches and pavilion had been in decline for a significant period of time.

RESOLVED: That the proposed fees and charges be referred to the Full Council

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Board/Committee:	Policy and Organisation Board
Date of meeting:	Wednesday, 29 November 2023
Title:	Fees and Charges
Author:	Borough Treasurer
Status:	For Approval

Purpose

To consider and approve the amended fees & charges contained in this report and appendix.

Recommendation

It is recommended that:

The Council approves the fees and charges referred to in the report and appendix for implementation from 1 January 2024 or as soon as practically possible thereafter, unless stated otherwise.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Fees and charges were last reviewed and updated at the Council meeting in December 2022.
- 1.2 A further review of the Council's fees and charges was approved at that time to identify areas where they do not achieve full recovery of costs or are significantly below other local authority charges. It has not proved possible to undertake this review yet due to staff shortage, combined with pressure of work on existing staff. However, it is planned to be conducted during 2024.

2.0 Report

- 2.1 Fees and charges are an important source of revenue for the Council, which are applied to the users of a particular service. This means that it is the users of the service that fund the costs of providing the service, rather than the cost falling universally across all residents through Council Tax. Fees and charges therefore are an important mechanism which ensures that service users contribute more to the cost of those services, which are usually services of a more discretionary nature or which are used by a particular user group, rather than the burden falling on the general Council taxpayer.
- 2.2 Fees and charges have a direct relationship with the cost of services. For services to recover their costs, they will need to increase at the same rate as costs rise otherwise there would be a real cut in funding to the Council. The core measure of inflation is the Consumer Price

Index (CPI), which has run above 10% for much of the past year.

- 2.3 This fees and charges review has been undertaken as part of the budget process for 2024/25. The proposed fees and charges are set out in the appendix to this report. The majority of Council charges for 2024 have been increased by 10% to reflect the very high levels of inflation experienced over the past year, rounded to an appropriate amount where applicable, though a small number have not been raised or have been raised by a different percentage for specific reasons. The total effect of the changes would be an increase in income estimated at £158,000 which, as previously mentioned, should be broadly equivalent to the increase in the cost of providing those services. A large part of the increase is derived from uplift of parking charges.
- 2.4 In some circumstances, fees and charges are statutory and these have been uplifted in accordance with regulation.
- 2.6 Significant contributions would result from increases in the following charges:

Car Parks	£99,000
Parking Permits	£12,000
Cemetery Fees	£9,000
Private Hire / Hackney Carriage	£9,000
Bulky Refuse / Special Collections	£7,000
Allotments	£4,000
Pest Control	£4,000
Beach Hut Rental	£4,000
Land Charges	£3,000
Football / Rugby / Cricket	£3,000

- 2.7 It is proposed to introduce two new charges – a drug test for private hire / hackney carriage drivers charged at £40, and a range of concession-rate charges for pest control to discourage the current high level of missed appointments. Neither will result in significant income for the Council.

3.0 Risk Assessment

- 3.1 There is a risk to future service provision and the delivery of capital programme projects if the Council does not seek to maintain an appropriate level of income by reviewing its fees and charges.

4.0 Conclusion

- 4.1 Fees and Charges have been reviewed and the draft amended schedule is appended to this report.

Financial Implications	As set out in the report
Legal Implications	The Council has power to charge for the services set out in this report.
Crime and Disorder	N/A
Equality and Diversity	N/A
Service Improvement Plan	N/A
Corporate Plan:	N/A
Risk Assessment:	Section 3 of the report
Background papers:	N/A
Appendix	Draft Fees and Charges booklet
Lead Officer	Chris Ward

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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Fees and Charges

2024

Fees and charges are effective from 1st January 2024 unless otherwise stated

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VAT FOREWORD

- 1 All charges include VAT where applicable. The VAT Code is per the list below.
S – Standard rate
O – Non business
E – Exempt
Z – Zero rated

- 2 All charges are effective from 1st January 2024 unless otherwise stated.

VAT - LICENCES TO OCCUPY LAND; LETTING OF SPORTS FACILITIES

Exemption from VAT may be applicable under the following circumstances:

A **Single lets**

hours to the same person, the person to whom they are

OR

B **Series of Lets**

All of the following criteria must be satisfied before exemption can apply:

The series consists of 10 or more individual sessions of the same sport or activity, each session being in the same place, and the interval between each session is at least a day and not more than 14 days

The series is to be paid for as a whole, and there is clear evidence of this, whether or not the right to use the facility for any specific session is actually exercised, a formal agreement, exchange of letters, or an invoice issued in advance requiring payment for the sessions specified on the invoice would be sufficient evidence.

Refund for the non-availability of the facility by the Council would not invalidate this condition but provision for a refund in other circumstances would; and the facilities are let out to a school, club, association or organisation representing affiliated clubs or constituent associations; and the person to whom the facilities are let has exclusive use of them during the sessions.

It is not necessary to book the same pitch to qualify for exemption, provided it is within the same recreation ground. Any further bookings in addition to those specified in the formal agreement will be standard-rated and subject to VAT.

VAT on Organised School Visits

The letting of facilities to a local education authority school falls within these rules of exemption and is not outside the scope of VAT under the provisions of the Local Authorities (Goods and Services) Act 1970.

ABANDONED VEHICLES			
Removal of Unwanted Vehicles		At Cost	S
Removal of Commercial Vehicles		At Cost	S
Removal of Caravans and Trailers		At Cost	S
Storage of Unwanted Vehicle - per day		£33.00	S
Statutory Charges for Abandoned Vehicles - Example			
Removal of Abandoned Vehicle	(Table 1 Regulation 4 - 2.2)	£192.00	O
Storage of Abandoned Vehicle - per day	(Table 2 Regulation 5 - 2.2)	£26.00	O
Fee type: Statutory - Removal, Storage & Disposal of Vehicle (Prescribed Sums & Charges) Regulations 2008 as amended.			
A full schedule of charges for each different vehicle type can be found at the Office of Public Sector Information website www.opsi.gov.uk .			
ABANDONED SHOPPING TROLLEYS			
Charge for collection, return or disposal of shopping trolley		£60.00	O
Total cost for collection, storage for 42 days and disposal / return of trolley		£340.00	O
Daily storage of shopping trolley		£6.00	O
ALLOTMENTS			
		2025	2024
Annual charge per square rod (1 square rod is 25.29 square metres)		£8.00	£7.20
Annual charge per square metre		£0.31	£0.28
Deposit (refundable)		£50.00	£50.00
BEACH HUT RENTAL - GOSPORT RESIDENTS ONLY			
Annual Charge	Full Rate	£1,210.00	S
	Other Concessions (Over 60's)	£915.00	S
Weekly Charge	Disabled Residents only	£24.50	S
One hut is available for weekly hire at Stokes Bay.			
BEACH HUT SITE RENTAL - GOSPORT RESIDENTS ONLY			
Annual Charge	Full Rate	£605.00	S
	Other Concessions (Over 60's)	£465.00	S
<i>The site rental is for the last 3 remaining private beach huts at Lee on the Solent</i>			
Legal Fee chargeable on first rental		£110.00	S
Administration fee chargeable on first rental and renewals		£55.00	S
Beach hut occupiers are liable for National Non-Domestic Rates, upkeep of the hut and any utility charges.			
CAR PARKS			
Long Stay (Town Centre, Lee-on-Solent, Stokes Bay, Hardway Slipway and Alver Valley)			
	Per hour	£1.60	S
	Over 5 hours (per day)	£9.10	S
Two Hour Town Centre Car Parks			
	First hour	Free	
	Up to 2 hours	£1.40	S
Trailers and Parking Permits are not allowed			
Three Hour Car Park	Marine Parade Car Park, Lee-on-Solent		
	Per hour	£1.40	S
Two Hour Car Park (Flower Buildings, Lee-on-Solent)			
	First hour	£1.10	S
	Up to 2 hours	£1.70	S
Trailers (where permitted) - same charge as motor vehicle.			
Coaches - per hour	Only permitted in prescribed car parks	£11.00	S
Motorcycles		Free	
Commercial Vehicles (over 3.5 tonnes GVW) parked in Mumby Road Lorry Park		Free	
Motor Homes (in Motor Homes bays)			
	Per hour	£3.30	S
	Per day	£16.50	S
Statutory Penalty Charge Notice	Higher Contravention Level (£35 if paid within 14 days)	£70.00	N
	Lower Contravention Level (£25 if paid within 14 days)	£50.00	N
PARKING PERMITS			
General Public			
	Annual Permit	£660.00	S
	6 Month Permit	£385.00	S
	3 Month Permit	£210.00	S
	1 Month Permit	£72.00	S
	Flexi Permit (Trial)	£61.00	S
Gosport Town Centre Residents Permits		£94.00	S
Available only to residents living in specific areas of the town centres and for use in the specified long stay car parks only			
Leisure (includes Seafront and Alver Valley, excluding Motor Homes)		£140.00	S
Leisure - Motor Homes		£440.00	S
Notes			
1. All drivers of vehicles with a trailer will be responsible for the payment of the trailer charge.			

ANN'S HILL CEMETERY				
EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS OF BURIAL IN EARTHEN GRAVES** - GOSPORT RESIDENT				
Provision of new grave (Post 01/04/1992) - obligatory		£880.00	O	
Interment into Existing Site (Pre 01/04/1992) - obligatory		£195.00	O	
Provision of a Cremated Remains Plot (Post 01/04/1992) - obligatory		£195.00	O	
Provision of Grave for child		No Charge		
INTERMENTS				
The fees for interment include the digging of the grave to a depth sufficient for two interments and re-turfing after burial.				
For the Interment				
(i) of the body of a still born child, or of a child whose age at the time of death did not exceed 16 years		No Charge		
(ii) of the body of a person whose age at the time of death exceeded 16 years		£695.00	O	
For any interment in a walled grave or vault		At Cost	O	
Interment - Cremated Remains (subject to depth not exceeding 91.4cm (3ft). Otherwise normal interment charge will apply. No charge for a child)		£220.00	O	
MONUMENTS, GRAVESTONES, TABLETS AND MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS				
For the right to erect or place on a grave or vault a headstone not exceeding 91.4cm (3ft) in height by 91.4cm (3ft) in width by 30.4cm (1ft) in depth or 76.2cm (2ft 6in) x 60.9cm (2ft) x 30.4cm (1ft)				
	Adult	£195.00	O	
	Child	No Charge		
For the right to erect or place on a grave or vault in respect of which the exclusive right of burial has been granted - kerbstones or flatstones				
	(a) enclosing a space not exceeding 2.1m by 91.4cm (7ft by 3ft)	£245.00	O	
	(b) enclosing a space not exceeding 2.1m by 1.8m (7ft by 6ft)	£440.00	O	
	(c) tablets not exceeding 350mm x 450mm x 25mm	£55.00	O	
The fees indicated in this section include the first inscription. For each inscription after the first a fee is payable				
		£40.00	O	
Annual Maintenance				
	Trimming Grass	£90.00	O	
	Planting and Trimming Grass	£110.00	O	
	Planting (Spring and Summer only)	£100.00	O	
Miscellaneous Items				
	Transfer of Grant of Right	£110.00	O	
	Temporary Marker	£40.00	O	
	Search in Burial Register (per burial entry)	£12.00	O	
	Certificate of Burial	£24.00	O	
	Use of Chapel	£145.00	O	
	Exhumations	At Cost	S	
Notes				
The fees indicated above include the Deed of Grant and all the expenses thereof. Non-resident fees on application Imperial to metric conversions are approximate				
DOG CONTROL				
Collection of stray dog - Statutory charge	per dog	£25.00	O	
Kennelling fees	up to 7 days	£140.00	O	
Microchipping of dogs	per dog	£12.00	S	
	each additional dog at the same address	£6.00	S	
Private home check visit		£40.00	S	
Dog Bags	per packet of 60	£4.00	S	
Notes				
1. Statutory charge is as per the 'Environmental Protection (Stray Dog) Regulations 1992' and is payable before the dog is released. 2. Additional fees may be charged for costs incurred by the Council, including legal fees.				
ELECTORAL SERVICES				
REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS (STATUTORY)				
		Data	Printed	
Sale of Open/Edited Register	Fixed Fee	£20.00	£10.00	Z
	Charge per thousand entries (or part)	£1.50	£5.00	
Sale of Full Register*	Fixed Fee	£20.00	£10.00	Z
	Charge per thousand entries (or part)	£1.50	£5.00	
Sale of monthly update notices*	Fixed Fee	£20.00	£10.00	Z
	Charge per thousand entries (or part)	£1.50	£5.00	
Sale of list of Overseas Electors	Fixed Fee	£20.00	£10.00	Z
	Charge per hundred entries (or part)	£1.50	£5.00	
Sale of Marked Register (where available)*	Fixed Fee	£10.00	£10.00	Z
	Charge per thousand entries (or part)	£1.00	£2.00	
Notes:				
1. Supply of the Full Register, monthly update notices and the marked register is restricted by the Representation of the People Regulations. 2. Packing and carriage costs will also apply where relevant. 3. A request for the same part of the register in both printed and data form will be treated as two separate requests.				
Election Staff Fees				
Returning Officer's fees and disbursements, Polling Station staff and Count Staff: as determined by Hampshire Election Fees Working Party; available on request from the Head of Electoral Services.				

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES					
Food Premises Register	Single Entry		£3.30	S	
	Single Premises category, e.g. butchers		£68.00	S	
	Whole Register		£286.00	S	
	Export Certificate Fee		£61.00	S	
Immigration Service Assessment of Premises Condition			£103.00	S	
House in Multiple Occupation Licence		Fee on Application	Fee on Grant of Licence	Total	
	5 persons	£660.00	£330.00	£990.00	O
	6-10 persons	£830.00	£420.00	£1,250.00	O
	11-15 persons	£990.00	£500.00	£1,490.00	O
	16-20 persons	£1,160.00	£580.00	£1,740.00	O
	Over 20 persons	£1,320.00	£660.00	£1,980.00	O
Housing Act 2004 Notices				Actual cost	
Private Water Supplies work				Actual cost	
GARAGES					
Existing garages	Per week		Housing Report 2023	O #	
New garages	Per week		Housing Report 2023	O #	
# above charges are for Council tenants - if garage is let to private client then vat is chargeable					
HOUSING					
Copy of highlighted plans, dwelling account enquiries, prospective private purchaser enquiries (Solicitor, mortgage lender and/or owner occupier of former Council property)			£88.00	O	
Prior/Retrospective permissions for alterations (Solicitor, and/or owner/occupier of former Council property)			£39.00	O	
Notice of Sublet of leasehold property (Solicitor, and/or owner/occupier of former Council property)			£22.00	O	
Registration of Notice of Transfer Assignment underlease			£7.70	O	
Notice of Charge (charges as stated in lease)			£36.00	O	
Rent Account/debt reference (Mortgage provider/Loan companies)			£36.00	O	
Replacement dwelling keys to communal entrances			£11.00	S	
Replacement or additional fobs (residents of the block of flats only – no third parties)			£13.00	S	
LAND CHARGES					
For searches sent electronically via Email, our online application or through the NLIS Hub					
	Con29R		£165.00	S	
	LLC1		£37.00	O	
	Basic Search Fee (Con29R plus LLC1)		£202.00	S	
For searches sent in paper form via DX or post					
	Con29R		£200.00	S	
	LLC1		£41.00	O	
	Basic Search Fee (Con29R plus LLC1)		£241.00	S	
Extra parcel fee LLC1 only			£3.30	O	
Extra parcel fee Con29R			£20.00	S	
Part 2 optional enquiries					
Optional enquiries (excluding Q4, Q21 & Q22)			£14.00	S	
Optional enquiries Q4, Q21 & Q22 will be charged at a maximum cost regardless of whether one or all of these three questions is requested			£30.00	S	
For a search in any individual part of the Register					
In Parts 1,2,3,4 and 10			£6.60	O	
In all other parts			£3.30	O	
Personal Searches			Free		
Notes					
The above are currently the maximum charges that will be collected. In accordance with the relevant Regulations, the charges are based on cost recovery and will be reviewed throughout the year. They may therefore increase or decrease as time spent on them and search volumes fluctuate.					
HMRC determined that from 1st January 2017 the fee charged for CON29 enquiries, Part 2 optional enquiries and additional enquiries are subject to VAT at the standard rate.					

LETTING OF LAND		
USE OF COUNCIL LAND **		
<i>For events up to 499 persons - per day *</i>		
(note 1)		
Damage Deposit	£825.00	O
Land Hire Deposit	£205.00	O
Land Hire per Day	£825.00	E
<i>For events 500+ persons - per day *</i>		
(note 1)		
Damage Deposit	£1,640.00	O
Land Hire Deposit	£410.00	O
Land Hire per Day	£1,640.00	E
*For events operated by Charities or for the benefit of the local community the Council reserves the right to reduce or waive the fee, such decision to be taken by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council		
** Hire of land other than open spaces Price on application		
Temporary Demountable Structures (TDS)		
Where a Temporary Demountable Structure is used, the following Building Control fees are payable		
Professional Circuses	£135.00	S
Other commercial events with TDS over 15m square	£330.00	S
Camping per night		
Caravan/Motor home	£15.00	S
Tent	£8.00	S
Trailer (with Boat)	£7.00	S
Notes		
1. Price includes access to water. Electricity is available on request at a number of locations.		
2. Damage deposits are refundable after any works and land reinstatement costs incurred by the Council have been deducted.		
3. Other relevant sites by negotiation with the Projects Officer		
4. Charges for casual lettings of land are generally exempt from VAT unless a specific option to tax has been exercised on the land in question. In the latter case, where the letting is for charitable purposes, VAT would not apply.		
5. Hirers of 2 days or more will be granted (if required) set-up and breakdown days of 1 day for each day hired.		
6. Bookings will be taken between 1st April and 31st October subject to land conditions. for enquires outside of these dates contact the Projects Officer		
USE OF TOWN CENTRE/RETAIL AREAS		
For promotional and public entertainment activities in Gosport High Street		
Commercial/promotional activities	Per metre (minimum 5 metres charge applies)	£9.70
Non-Commercial activities	Per metre (minimum 5 metres charge applies)	£3.70
USE OF COUNCIL OWNED LAND FOR FILMING		
Commercial activities	Per day	£187.00
(where an income or a benefit is obtained)		
Non-Commercial activities (including promoting the Borough)		No Charge
CCTV		
Insurance related CCTV footage request		£159.00
ANIMAL LICENCES AND FEES		
Dangerous Wild Animals Registration (Note 1)		
		£170.00
Hiring out Horses - per horse		
New Application/Renewal (Note 1)		£255.00
Grant of Licence		£61.00
Variation Application (Note 1)		£97.00
Grant of Variation to Licence		£33.00
Dog/Cat Boarding (Kennels/Catteries)		
New Application/Renewal (Note 1)		£245.00
Grant of Licence		£61.00
Variation Application (Note 1)		£95.00
Grant		£33.00
Home Boarding Dogs		
New Application/Renewal (Note 1)		£95.00
Grant of Licence		£50.00
Home Boarding Fee Franchise (Including Day Care for Dogs)		
New Application/Renewal (Note 1)		£150.00
Grant of Licence		£73.00
Additional Dog Boarding Franchise property applied for		£95.00
Selling Animals as Pets		
New Application/Renewal (Note 1)		£198.00
Grant of Licence		£61.00
Keeping or Training Animals for Exhibition		
New Application/Renewal (Note 1)		£198.00
Grant of Licence		£61.00
Dog Breeders Licence (Note 1)		
		£218.00
Zoo Licence		
		On Request
Notes		
1. Plus any Veterinarian Inspection costs		

OTHER LICENCES AND REGISTRATIONS			
Scrap Metal Dealer	New	£305.00	O
	Renewal/Variation	£170.00	O
	Certified Copy	£17.00	O
Scrap Metal Mobile Collector	New/Variation	£170.00	O
	Renewal	£121.00	O
	Replacement Licence	£28.00	O
Sex Establishment	New	£3,610.00	O
	Renewal	£2,420.00	O
	Transfer	£2,420.00	O
Skin Piercers, Tattooing, Acupuncture, Electrolysis			
	Premises	£110.00	O
	Person	£94.00	O
Residential Caravan Sites			
The Mobile Homes (Requirement for Manager of Site to be Fit and Proper Person)(England) Regulations 2020	Owner / Licence holder (5 year licence)	£305.00	O
STREET TRADING CONSENTS - LICENCED UNDER STATUTORY OBLIGATION			
<u>Annual Consent</u>			
7 Days/week	Food Stalls/Vehicle/Trailer	£1,465.00	O
	Non-Food Stalls/Vehicle/Trailer	£1,045.00	O
Up to 3 Days/week	Food Stalls/Vehicle/Trailer	£745.00	O
	Non-Food Stalls/Vehicle/Trailer	£545.00	O
1 Day/week	Food Stalls/Vehicle/Trailer	£420.00	O
	Non-Food Stalls/Vehicle/Trailer	£370.00	O
<u>Six Month Consent</u>			
7 days/week	Food Stalls/Vehicle/Trailer	£765.00	O
	Non-Food Stalls/Vehicle/Trailer	£540.00	O
<u>Daily Consent</u>			
	Per 30cm (1ft)	£3.25	O
	Minimum charge 4.6m (15ft)		
Tables and Chairs	New	£355.00	O
	Renewal	£220.00	O
Pavement Licence	(Business & Planning Act 2020)	£31.00	O
Street Collections		No Charge	
House to House Collections		No Charge	
Caravan Site Licence		No Charge	
LICENSING ACT 2003 AND GAMBLING ACT 2005 PUBLIC REGISTERS			
Single Entry copy of a Premises Licence		£7.70	O
Single Copy of an Application Form for a Premises Licence		£20.00	O
Single Premises Category (eg Takeaways)		£93.50	O
Whole Register of each single Act, e.g. Licensing Act 2003		£290.00	O
LICENSING ACT 2003 (STATUTORY FEES)			
Premises / Club Applications / Variations			
The fees are based on rateable values of properties			
Rateable Value	Band	Initial Licence Fee	Annual Fee
£0 - £4,300	A	£100.00	£70.00
£4,301 - £33,000	B	£190.00	£180.00
£33,001 - £87,000	C	£315.00	£295.00
£87,001 - £125,000	D	£450.00	£320.00
£125,001 and over	E	£635.00	£350.00
A multiplier is applied to premises in Bands D and E where they are used exclusively or primarily for the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises			
Rateable Value	Band	Initial Licence Fee	Annual Fee
£87,001 - £125,000	D	£900.00	£640.00
£125,001 and over	E	£1,905.00	£1,050.00
There are additional fees for premises licence applications, and the annual fee for exceptionally large-scale events (5,000+), unless certain conditions apply. Please consult the Licensing Department.			
Personal Licences, Temporary Events and Other Fees (Statutory)			
Application for the grant or renewal of a personal licence		£37.00	O
Temporary event notice		£21.00	O
Replacement of stolen, lost, etc. licence or summary		£10.50	O
Application for a provisional statement where premises being built etc.		£315.00	O
Notification of change of name or address		£10.50	O
Application to vary licence to specify individual as premises supervisor		£23.00	O
Application for transfer of premises licence		£23.00	O
Interim authority notice following death etc. of licence holder		£23.00	O
Replacement of stolen, lost, etc., certificate or summary		£10.50	O
Notification of change of name or alteration of rules of club		£10.50	O
Change of relevant registered address of club		£10.50	O
Replacement of stolen, lost, etc., Temporary Event Notice		£10.50	O
Replacement of stolen, lost, etc., Personal Licence		£10.50	O
Notification change of name or address		£10.50	O
Right of freeholder to be notified of licensing matters		£21.00	O
Minor Variations		£89.00	O

GAMBLING ACT 2005 (STATUTORY FEES)						
PREMISES LICENCES						
		New Application	Annual Fee	Variation	Transfer	Reinstatement
Existing Casinos		N/A	N/A	£2,000	£1,350	£1,350
New Small Casino		£8,000	£5,000	£4,000	£1,800	£1,800
New Large Casino		£10,000	£10,000	£5,000	£2,150	£2,150
Regional Casino		£15,000	£15,000	£7,500	£6,500	£6,500
Bingo Club		£3,500	£1,000	£1,750	£1,200	£1,200
Betting Premises (exc tracks)		£3,000	£600	£1,500	£1,200	£1,200
Tracks		£2,500	£1,000	£1,250	£950	£950
Family Entertainment Centres		£2,000	£750	£1,000	£950	£950
Adult Gaming Centres		£2,000	£1,000	£1,000	£1,200	£1,200
				Licence Application (Provisional Statement Holders)	Copy Licence	Notification of Change
Existing Casinos		N/A	N/A	N/A	£25	£50
New Small Casino		£8,000	£3,000	£25	£25	£50
New Large Casino		£10,000	£5,000	£25	£25	£50
Regional Casino		£15,000	£8,000	£25	£25	£50
Bingo Club		£3,500	£1,200	£25	£25	£50
Betting Premises (exc tracks)		£3,000	£1,200	£25	£25	£50
Tracks		£2,500	£950	£25	£25	£50
Family Entertainment Centres		£2,000	£950	£25	£25	£50
Adult Gaming Centres		£2,000	£1,200	£25	£25	£50
PERMITS						
		Application Fee	Transitional Application Fee	Renewal Fee	Annual Fee	
Family Entertainment Centre - Gaming Machine		£300	£100	£300	N/A	0
Prize Gaming		£300	£100	£300	N/A	0
Alcohol Licenced Premises - notification of two or fewer machines		£50	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
Alcohol Licenced Premises - notification of more than two machines		£150	£100	N/A	£50	0
Club Gaming Permit		£200	£100	£200	£50	0
Club Gaming Machine Permit		£200	£100	£200	£50	0
Club Fast-Track for Gaming Permit or Gaming Machine Permit		£100	£100	£100	£50	0
Small Society Lottery Registration		£40	N/A	N/A	£20	0
		Change of Name	Copy of Permit	Variation	Transfer	
Family Entertainment Centre Permits		£25	£15	N/A	N/A	0
Prize Gaming Permits		£25	£15	N/A	N/A	0
Alcohol Licenced Premises - notification of two or fewer machines		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
Alcohol Licenced Premises - notification of more than 2 machines		£25	£15	£100	£25	0
Club Gaming Permit		N/A	£15	£100	N/A	0
Club Gaming Machine Permit		N/A	£15	£100	N/A	0
Small Society Lottery Registration		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
MARKETS						
Regular Traders	3mx3m Pitch			£10.00		0
	Additional 3mx3m pitches (up to 12m)			£5.00		0
Casual Traders	3mx3m Pitch			£20.00		0
	Additional 3mx3m pitches (up to 12m)			£5.00		0
Artisan Traders	3mx3m Pitch			£35.00		0
Pitches larger than 12 meters by discussion						
<u>Previously:</u>						
<u>Gosport Market Tuesday</u>						
Per 30cm (1ft)	Minimum charge 4.6m (15ft)					0
<u>Gosport Market Saturday</u>						
Up to 10ft						0
3m (10ft) pitch						0
Up to 4.6m (15ft) pitch						0
Up to 6m (20ft) pitch						0
Up to 9.1m (30ft) pitch						0
Up to 12.2m (40ft) pitch						0
Up to 60ft						0
60ft+						
A 20% upwards tolerance in length is permitted Saturdays						
Speciality Markets						
(inc. Craft, Food & Drink, Farmer's Markets, Christmas Markets)						
Per 30cm (1ft)	Minimum 3m (10ft) pitch					0
Notes						
Imperial to metric conversions are approximate						

PEST CONTROL				
DOMESTIC PREMISES		Concession	Full	
Fleas, Bedbugs plus unknown infestations, to visit and quote		£13.00	£39.00	S
All Other Insects (including wasps)		£22.00	£83.00	S
Rodent treatment		£27.00	£72.00	S
Concessions:				
Persons on low income, defined as being in receipt of one of the following:				
	Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance			
	Income-related Employment and Support Allowance			
	Income Support			
	Pension Credit (Guarantee)			
	Universal Credit (maximum award)			
Officers must be shown documentary evidence of entitlement by at least one member of household				
COMMERCIAL PREMISES				
Rodents and insects for up to the first 15 minutes			£105.00	S
Charge for each additional 15 minutes or part thereof			£22.00	S
Notes				
1. Charges include cost of materials and all rates quoted include VAT				
2. Payment to be made at time of booking or prior to treatment				
3. That no responsibility can be accepted for any loss or damage, however caused, through treatment being carried out.				
4. Invoices are not as a general rule issued, but when issued there is a 15% administrative charge in addition to the above charges.				
PRIVATE HIRE / HACKNEY CARRIAGE				
Hackney Carriage Knowledge Test			£50.00	O
Private Hire	Operator - 1 Year Licence		£300.00	O
	Operator - 3 Year Licence [Note 1]		£715.00	O
	Operator - 5 Year Licence [Note 1]		£1,210.00	O
	Vehicle		£305.00	O
	Driver - 1 Year Licence		£110.00	O
	Driver - 3 Year Licence		£265.00	O
Hackney Carriage	Vehicle		£305.00	O
	Driver - 1 Year Licence		£110.00	O
	Driver - 3 Year Licence		£265.00	O
Private Hire & Hackney Carriage driver (both licences)			£155.00	O
Private Hire & Hackney Driver - 3 Year Licence			£385.00	O
Drugs test			£40.00	
DBS fee [Note 2]			At Cost	O
Issue of a replacement Hackney Carriage or Private Hire:				
	Driver's Photo Badge		£20.00	O
	Vehicle Windscreen Badge		£26.00	O
	Vehicle External Plate		£26.00	O
Notes				
1. Following new legislation effective from 01 October 2015. Changes to taxi fees have to				
2. Amount charged by the external agency to the Council, and may be subject to revision during the year.				
3. Any costs incurred as a result of external agency charges during the licensing process will be recharged at cost price.				
REFUSE COLLECTIONS				
Special Collections				
Collection, loading and disposal (per hour)			**	
** To be negotiated by the Council with the contractor (plus administration costs)				
Domestic Clinical Waste Collection	Provide and disposal of yellow bags		No Charge	
	Provide 'Sharps' and disposal	4 litre capacity	No Charge	
		7 litre capacity	No Charge	
Removal of Bulk Refuse	1 Item		£33.00	O
	2 Items		£49.50	O
	3 to 5 Items		£77.00	O
	Residents receiving benefit (Note 1)		50% of above	O
	Over 5 items		By Arrangement	O
Garden Recycling Scheme (Note 3)	Sign up to the service:			
	Early bird		£55.00	O
	Full Season		£65.00	O
	Additional bin (maximum 3 per household)		£45.00	O
Replacement wheeled bin			£38.50	O
Roll of 10 replacement black sacks			£2.20	O
Reusable Recycling Bags			£2.60	O
Notes				
1. Resident in receipt of Personal Independence Payments, Universal Credit or equivalent				
2. The fee stated is for a 240 litre wheeled bin (or smaller) only. Larger 660 and 1100 litre bins are replaced at cost plus administration.				
3. A new garden recycling scheme was introduced in February 2018 where a 240-litre wheelie bin is provided for green waste. The bins are collected once a fortnight over 40 weeks of the year between February and November. The scheme is run and administered by Urbaser, which is the Council's waste contractor.				

SPORTS		Concession	Full	
BOWLS				
Per player per hour	Adult	£4.40	£5.50	S
Bowls and Slip Hire			£5.50	S
CRICKET				
Privett No 1	Adult	£94.00	£132.00	S
	Weekdays after 6 pm	£66.00	£100.00	S
Other Sites	Adult	£66.00	£100.00	S
	Weekdays after 6 pm	£48.00	£77.00	S
Synthetic Wicket (Gosport Park)	Adult	£48.00	£77.00	S
	Weekdays after 6 pm	£36.00	£50.00	S
FOOTBALL				
<u>Privett Park Enclosure*</u>	Gosport Clubs	£110.00	£176.00	S
	Outside Users	£176.00	£275.00	S
	Use of Floodlights	£70.00	£110.00	S
* To book, please contact Gosport Borough Football Club direct				
<u>All Other Sites</u>				
Sites without shower facilities		£66.00	£100.00	S
Sites without changing facilities		£48.00	£77.00	S
Training Pitch / Dressing Rooms		£36.00	£50.00	S
Net Pins			£33.00	S
9v9 Pitches			£1.10	S
Training Pitch - 9v9			£27.50	S
			£27.50	S
MINI SOCCER				
Per match			£27.50	S
Half day per pitch			£55.00	S
Training Pitch - Mini			£16.50	S
RUGBY				
Gosport Park	Adult	£66.00	£99.00	S
Dressing Rooms (separate use)			£33.00	S
Refreshment Rooms (separate use)			£16.50	S
Notes				
1. The above hire charges include use of dressing rooms where these are available				
2. Double Banked football hire will be 150% of the normal hire charge				
3. VAT exemption for Seasonal Hires complying with Customs & Excise conditions				
4. Concessionary rates apply for the disabled, over 60's and under 18's				
5. Charges for tournaments to be by negotiation with the Head of Streetscene Services				
STOKES BAY MOBILE HOME PARK				
All Homes - weekly rent (exclusive of rates and water charges) - 48 weeks				E
Statutory increase will be applied				
WILDGROUNDS NATURE RESERVE				
PERMIT ACCESS				
Day Ticket	Adult		£2.75	S
	Concessions (Disabled, Over 60's & under 18's)		£2.20	S
Monthly Permit *	Adult		£11.00	S
	Concessions (Disabled, Over 60's & under 18's)		£5.50	S
* 150 permits per month March to October 300 permits per month July to August				
School Parties	Non-Gosport		£44.00	E
	Gosport		No Charge	
Guided Walks	Adult		£5.50	E
as advertised	Concessions (Disabled, Over 60's & under 18's)		£2.75	E
	Family - 2 Adults & up to 3 children		£16.50	E
	Groups & Organisations (Groups up to 20 people)		£55.00	E
Notes				
1. Children under the age of 5 are admitted free.				
COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)				
Effective from 2nd February 2016. For the schedule of charges please refer to the Planning homepage				
ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ACT 2003				
High Hedges Application			£811.00	O
POSTAL NAMING AND NUMBERING				
New Development of 1 - 5 plots		£255.00		O
New Development/phases of 5-20 plots		£255.00	+ £12.10 per property	O
New Development/phases of 21-100 plots		£500.00	+ £6.60 per property	O
New Development/phases of 100+ plots		£1,185.00	+ £6.60 per property	O
Naming of new block of flats/building		£255.00	+ £12.10 per property	O
New postal address for an individual property		£132.00		O
Change to new addresses due to the development changing after the schedule has been issued		£22.00	per property	O
Research archive for address history		£132.00		O
Renaming an existing Street		£255.00	+ £6.60 per property	O
Notes				
At the discretion of the Building Control Manager, the Council, may not require a charge to be paid for the renaming/renumbering of roads where there has been a historical problem with existing road naming/numbering scheme.				

BUILDING REGULATIONS APPLICATIONS			
Gosport Building Control, operating in partnership with Fareham Building Control under the name 'Building Control Partnership' have prepared a scheme of charges in accordance with The Building (Local Authority Charges) Regulations 2010			
For full details of charges applicable for the Building Regulations control functions please contact the Building Control Partnership on 01329 824823.			
PLANNING PRE-APPLICATIONS			
General Advice General enquiries and advice on planning procedures		Free	
Permitted Development Enquiry All submissions for informal opinion on requirement for planning permission			
	Householders	£33.00	S
	Others	£55.00	S
Pre-Application Submissions - advice on the likelihood of planning permission being granted prior to the submission of a planning application			
Minor residential:	1 - 3 dwellings - See also Note 1	£195.00	S
	4 + dwellings - See also Note 1	£400.00	S
Major residential:	10 - 49 dwellings - See also Note 2	£970.00	S
	50 - 100 dwellings - See also Note 2	£1,540.00	S
Minor industrial/commercial:	under 1000m2 - See also Note 1	£160.00	S
Major industrial/commercial:	1000 - 5000m2 - See also Note 2	£970.00	S
	5000 + m2 - See also Note 2	£1,540.00	S
Others: e.g. Change of use of property or land / Adverts / Telecommunication Masts		£195.00	S
Other major / very large scale / mixed proposals:		Fee will be hourly rate x no. of hours of officers dealing with the matter	S
Householder Development (development which relates to the extension, improvement or alteration of an existing residential dwelling):		£72.00	
Community uses which are non-profitting		Free	
Proposals made by Local Councils		Free	
Works to trees		Free	
Notes:			
1. Where a fee is payable and the proposal affects a Listed Building or its setting or is located within a Conservation Area an additional charge will be levied		£99.00	
2. Where a fee is payable and the proposal affects a Listed Building or its setting or is located within a Conservation Area an additional charge will be levied		£242.00	
3. Where a consultee charges the Borough Council for advice provided this will be payable by the applicant in addition to the pre-application fee payable.			
4. Proposals for large and/or mixed use development or where no floorspace or dwellings specified, fee will be calculated by reference to hourly rate x no. of hours of officers dealing with the matter.			
5. A response on minor and other applications will constitute one written response and/or one meeting (max 2 hrs). A response on a major application will constitute one written response and/or 3 meetings (6 hrs max in total). Any follow up written responses or meetings required based on the same proposal or an amendment to it will be calculated by reference to the hourly rate x no. of hours of officers dealing with the matter and this will be payable before the advice is provided. All new submissions will require a new fee.			
6. Each pre-application request can only relate to one site and only one proposal will be accepted for each site. If you would like us to give advice on more than one layout or proposal for the same site then a separate request will need to be made for each scheme along with a further fee for each proposal.			
7. There will be no reduction in fee where the application would be exempt from a fee because it had previously been withdrawn, refused or approved.			
8. The fee is payable on submission, before the Council undertakes any work on the proposal or provides any advice.			
9. The choice of who is the appropriate officer to deal with a particular case will be at the discretion of Gosport Borough Council.			
10. Hourly Rate		£72.00	
Other Charges			
Section 106 - Planning Officer costs in negotiating agreement			
Section 106 - Compliance Checks where applicants/prospective purchaser seeks confirmation that the terms of a legal agreement have been complied with		Fee will be calculated with reference to complexity of individual agreements and the time required to deal with the request at the hourly rate	S

A MEETING OF THE POLICY AND ORGANISATION BOARD WAS HELD ON 29 NOVEMBER 2023

Councillors Burgess, Chegwyn, Hutchison, Pepper, Raffaelli, Mrs Cully and Ms Ballard
(substitute for Councillor Hylands)

PART II MINUTES

28. PRESENTATION - CITIZENS ADVICE GOSPORT

A presentation was given by Citizen's Advice Gosport detailing their work over the year to date. They explained that there was a greater demand for their services and that cases were becoming increasingly complex.

29. MAY 2024 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS

Consideration was given to a report detailing the proposed changes to the Polling Places for electors in the Lee East 2 and Lee West 3 Polling Districts.

It was requested that recommendation ii) be amended to ensure that consultation was undertaken with the group leaders.

RESOVLED: That the Board:

- i) approves the recommendations of the Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer with regard to the Polling Places for electors in Polling Districts Lee East 2 and Lee West 3;
- ii) provides delegated authority to the Returning Officer in consultation with the group leaders to make changes to the Polling Places required for use at these Polls.

30. DIGITAL STRATEGY - PROJECT DELIVERY PLAN

Consideration was given to a report of the Economic and Regeneration Manager seeking approval for the proposed project plan & delivery timetable and asks the Board to note overall progress against the project programme.

The Board was advised that the roles in place were different to previous tourist information roles and that the aim was to increase digital presence. The continuation of the role was unknown but would be assessed as time developed.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Board notes the progress of Year One delivery as set out in Section 2 of this report.
2. That the Board approves the Year Two project plans set out in Section 3, to be delivered by March 2024 in accordance with the UKSPF funding criteria.

3. That the Board approves the Year Three project plans set out in Section 4, in accordance with the UKSPF funding criteria.
4. That the Board approves the Year Three plan for one full time resource to be funded through UKSPF funding criteria set out in Section 5.

32. CRITERION THEATRE

Consideration was given to a report of the Economic and Redevelopment Manager providing an update the Board and to request approval from the Policy & Organisation Board for the release of capital expenditure to complete the work required to develop a Business Case.

The Board was advised of a typographical amendment that was updated as a consultant had yet to be appointed.

Members questioned that they were being asked to fund additional spend on business cases without seeing the work undertaken to date.

The Board was advised that commercial examples had been studied and this had progressed to CIC and Charity based models, and that visits to similar venues had been undertaken.

Members reiterated concern that they had not seen work of the progress to date and questioned when they would receive the outcome of the additional work that funds were being sought for. Members also questioned initial claims that work would be grant funded, but that there was no evidence of this to date

It was acknowledged that this would be a minimum of four months as a consultant was yet to be appointed.

The Board was advised that the completed business case would allow for grants to be applied for.

Members reiterated the desire to see the business case once the further work had been undertaken.

RESOLVED:

That the Board:

1. Note the progress of the project.
2. Approve the release of the capital expenditure required to continue the development of the Business Case.
3. Delegate's approval to the Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Deputy Chief Executive Officer and the Leader of the Council, to appoint a selected Business Development Consultant to undertake this work.

33. ANY OTHER ITEMS

It was acknowledged that press officers Kerri Pope and John Millard were leaving the Council and was requested that thanks be placed on record for their work.

CHAIRMAN

Concluded at 7.17 pm

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Board/Committee:	Full Council
Date of meeting:	13 December 2023
Title:	Animal Welfare Charter
Author:	Animal Welfare Charter Task and Finish Group
Status:	For Decision

Purpose

This report sets out the proposed Animal Welfare Charter as recommended by the Animal Welfare Working Group.

Recommendation

That the Council approves the adoption and implementation of the Animal Welfare Charter including an online resource of animal welfare support groups.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Council previously considered an Animal Welfare Charter in 1992 and it is long overdue renewal as there has been change in legislation.
- 1.2 The Animal Welfare Act in 2006 largely repealed and replaced the 1911 protection of Animals Act, consolidating and updating several pieces of animal welfare legislation.

2.0 Report

- 2.1 Following the identification of the change in legislation the Charter approved in 1992 is in need of renewal to reflect changes and updated practices.
- 2.2 The original Charter from 1992 cannot be located, however there is record that the Council also banned shooting, snaring, trapping and baiting on its land that year.
- 2.3 At the Council meeting on 19th July 2023, following a motion to Council, a cross party working group was established to consider the updated legislation and best practice, with a requirement to report back to Full Council with an updated charter.
- 2.4 The working group met three times and invited representatives from Cats Protection Gosport and the Head of Environmental Health and undertook research into other Local Authority charters and animal welfare charities.
- 2.5 The Group considered the Council's powers of enforcement and the current terms of conditions on Council land bookings and other Council land such as allotments.

2.6 The Group requested that the updated Allotment Tenancy agreement make reference to the banning of shooting, snaring, trapping and baiting on its land.

2.7 The Group have produced an updated Animal Welfare Charter (appendix a) as a result of their findings and are seeking the approval of Full Council for its adoption.

2.8 The Group also requested that the Council website be updated to include a resource of the charter and animal welfare charities.

3.0 Risk Assessment

3.1 The Council have statutory obligations with regard to the licensing provisions concerned with the protection of animal welfare in activities such as pet shops, and breeding and boarding establishments. The Council also have a statutory duty to provide dog warden services.

3.2 In prohibiting activities on Council land that can harm animals the Council is proactively protecting the welfare of animals and promoting best practise.

4.0 Conclusion

This reports seeks approval of an updated Animal Welfare Charter to reiterate and reinforce the Council's commitment to protecting the welfare of both wildlife and domestic animals.

Financial Services comments:	None
Legal Services comments:	None
Equality and Diversity:	None
Climate Change implications:	None
Crime and Disorder:	
Service Improvement Plan implications:	
Corporate Plan:	A cleaner and greener place
Risk Assessment:	Contained within the report.
Background Papers:	Council resolution 29 April 1992
Appendices:	Appendix A - Animal Welfare Charter
Report Author/Lead Officer:	Lisa Young



Animal Welfare Charter

December 2023



Gosport Borough Council recognises its statutory obligations for animal welfare but believes these minimum standards ought to be exceeded wherever possible, not merely serve as objectives.

The statutory powers of GBC are firstly contained in a range of licensing provisions concerned with the protection of animal welfare in activities such as pet shops, animal breeding boarding establishments, riding establishments and zoos. The Council also has the statutory duty of providing a dog warden service, which also encompasses dealing with complaints of dogs being out of control in public spaces.

Animal Welfare Act 2006

In 2006, the Animal Welfare Act largely repealed and replaced the 1911 protection of Animals Act, strengthen and updated the provisions of that Act and consolidated and updated several other pieces of animal welfare legislation.

In addition the Act introduced a new offence of failing to ensure the welfare of an animal

Any person responsible for an animal must ensure that five specific needs of the animal are met: **(a)** its need for a suitable environment, **(b)** its need for a suitable diet, **(c)** its need to be able to exhibit normal behaviour patterns, **(d)** any need it has to be housed with, or apart from, other animals and **(e)** its need to be protected from pain, suffering, injury and disease.



Animal Activity Licence

You must have an animal activity licence if you:

- Provide or arrange boarding facilities for cats or dogs
- Breed dogs
- Sell animals as pets
- Hire out horses
- Keep or train animals for exhibition.

The current Animal Welfare Regulations began on 1st October 2018



Pet Shops

In accordance with the introductions of Lucy's Law, GBC prohibits the sale of puppies and kittens at pet shops within the Borough that have not been bred by

the licence holder.

It is also a licence condition of pet shops within the borough that animals must not be sold to anyone under 16 years.

The Council opposes puppy farming and supports the **RSPCA** in recommending that prospective dog owners only purchase puppies that are seen with their mother & if possible, their sires.

The Council would also encourage residents to consider homing a rescue dog rather than a puppy, in an effort to reduce the population of unwanted dogs.

Stray Dogs

The council has a legal responsibility to deal with stray dogs. All stray dogs will be thoroughly checked for identification in an attempt to reunite the dog with its owner. It is Council policy to re-home all unclaimed stray dogs after the statutory seven days unless there is veterinary advice to the contrary.

Report or claim a lost or stray dog:

- To report or claim a lost or stray dog:
- Call **01329 824399** 9am -4.45pm Monday to Friday

If you pick up a stray dog we will collect it and take it to our Council appointed kennels. The owner will then have seven days to claim the dog.

Out of hours please call **01329 235292** between **09.15 - 17.15**

Microchipping

It is a legal requirement to microchip your dog, and from 10 June 2024 it will be a legal requirement to microchip your cat.

Microchipping helps reunite you with your pet quickly.

What happens when you microchip your pet?

Your pet's microchip is given a number which will show up when your pet is scanned. The professional who microchipped your pet will also take your contact details.

These details are kept alongside the microchip number on the database, so that your pet can be returned to you if lost or stolen.

It is your responsibility to keep your pet's microchip information up to date, for example if you move house.

Responsible dog ownership

If you are thinking about owning a dog or if you already have one:

- Make sure that your dog is trained in basic obedience, look for a local training class.
- Worm your dog about every four months, puppies more frequently, ask your vet for advice.
- Clean up after your dog – bag it, bin it.
- Make sure your dog has a collar and tag with your address details.

You must have close control over your dog, when out and about, this is particularly important around children, livestock and traffic.

Do not let your dog approach other dogs that are on a lead unless the owner agrees – a dog on the lead may be a sign its nervous of other dogs.

Responsible cat ownership

If you are thinking about owning a cat.

Cats are naturally inquisitive animals, responsible ownership of cats includes:

- Neutering and spaying cats to prevent unwanted pregnancies.
- Taking out appropriate insurance and making provision for adequate healthcare.
- Ensuring that your property is clear of poisonous substances such as antifreeze, disinfectant, household plants.
- Ensure your garden is cat friendly.

Cats are crepuscular animals, which mean they are mostly active at dawn and dusk.

Keeping your pet indoors at night can reduce the risk of traffic accidents and reduce hunting tendencies.

Pet sitting services

The Council encourages responsible pet ownership and recommends that pet owners only use licensed boarding establishments or if using pet sitting services that owners should take up references, visit the services provider beforehand and contact animal welfare organisations for advice when required.

Animal hoarding

An increasing number of cases are coming to light nationally where individuals, including some private animal sanctuaries keep many animals in unsuitable conditions. Anyone keeping large number of animals needs to consider carefully whether they have adequate suitable facilities and sufficient knowledge and resources to care properly of the animals. Professional advice should be sought.

People are encouraged to report any suspected instances of hoarding to the Council.

Angling

Anglers are requested to use shock leads when beach casting to reduce snap off. Hooks wires and left over bait and tackle are to be removed and disposed of properly. Size guide should be carried at all times and all undersize fish returned.

Pest control

The Council promotes and support the use of safe and humane methods of pest control. The Council encourages holders to seek professional advice on pest control, rather than over the counter preparations to prevent harm to non target species including pets, and children.

Bats

The Council supports legislation that protects bats and their roosts.

Sky lanterns and balloon releases.

Balloon and sky lantern releases are prohibited on Council land. Further information can be found here:

<https://www.gosport.gov.uk/article/2366/Balloon-and-Sky-Lantern-Releases-on-GBC-Land>

Giving animals as prizes

The Animal Welfare Act makes it an offence for any animal to be sold or given as a prize to anyone under the age of 16. It is also Council policy that the conditions for hiring Council land premises or facilities includes a clause specifically banning the provision of live animal including fish as prizes. The Council encourages private premises or landowners to follow its lead.

Council Land and allotments

Gosport Borough Council does not permit shooting, snaring or trapping on its land.

There are also additional specific rules relating to the animals within the Allotments tenancy agreement

Dogs

The Tenant must not bring any dog into the Allotment or Allotment Garden, or cause one to be brought in, unless the dog is held on a leash and kept under control at all times and any dog foul must be removed and correctly disposed of.

Livestock

The Tenant must not keep any animals or livestock of any kind in the Allotment.

Bees

The Tenant is permitted to keep Bees on the Allotment provided they are kept in accordance with the conditions specified by the Council in Appendix 2 attached hereto.

Sprays

When using any sprays or fertilisers, the Tenant must:

- Take all reasonable care to ensure that adjoining hedges, trees and crops are not adversely affected, and must make good or replant as necessary should any damage occur.
- So far as is possible select and use chemicals, whether for spraying, seed dressing or for any other purpose whatsoever, that will cause no harm to members of the public, and wildlife, other than vermin or pests, and comply at all times with current regulations whether from Central Government, the Council or otherwise.

The Tenant should not leave any food or other items likely to attract wildlife on the Allotment whilst unattended

The feeding of wildlife such as birds, foxes and badgers at the Allotment Gardens is discouraged as they can be destructive and entice vermin on site.



If you need this document in large print, on tape, CD, in Braille or in another language, please ask.

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Board/Committee:	Full Council
Date of meeting:	13 December 2023
Title:	Gosport and Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) 2023
Author:	Head of Corporate Policy and Community Safety
Status:	For Decision

Purpose

This report seeks approval from Full Council to make the Gosport and Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order 2023 to replace the 2020 order.

Recommendation

That the Council:

- Considers the results of the consultation exercise in relation to this matter carried out between 01/11/2023-29/11/2023,
- Approves the proposed Gosport and Town Centre PSPO 2023 (to be effective from 14 December 2023 to 13 December 2027) to control Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in the area shown edged black in the accompanying plans as set out in Appendix 1,
- Delegates Authority to the Head of Corporate Policy and Community Safety to take the necessary required steps to implement the proposed Gosport and Town Centre PSPO 2023 in the form of Appendix 1.

1.0 Background

1.1 The Gosport and Town Centre PSPO 2020 replaced the Town Centre and Alcohol PSPO and lasted for 3 years ceasing to have effect on 20th October 2023. As the current Gosport and Town Centre PSPO 2020 has expired a new Order will be required to replace it, if appropriate.

1.2 The proposed Gosport and Town Centre PSPO 2023 reflects the 2020 PSPO and addresses Anti-Social Behaviour linked to:

- Alcohol or drug use
- Urinating or defecating
- Begging
- Blocking entrances/exits

1.3 The Council, in accordance with Section 72(3) of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 has carried out the necessary consultation to allow consideration of a Gosport and Town Centre PSPO 2023 which includes consultation with the Chief Constable of Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary, Police and Crime Commissioner and members of the public.

2.0 Report

2.1 A local authority can make a PSPO if satisfied on reasonable grounds that two conditions are met.

The first condition is that :

- Activities carried out in a public place within the authority's area have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, or
- It is likely that activities will be carried on in a public place within that area and that they will have such an effect.

The second condition is that the effect, or likely effect, of the activities –

- Is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature
- Is, or is likely to be, such as to make the activities unreasonable

And

- Justifies the restrictions imposed by the notice.

2.2 If the proposed order is approved this will continue to give the Council and Police powers concerning ASB linked to:

- Alcohol or drug use
- Urinating or defecating
- Begging
- Blocking entrances/exits

2.3 Gosport has had PSPO's in place since 2017 which have had a positive impact on the locality.

A review of the Anti-Social Behaviour data and community feedback indicates that the Gosport and Town Centre PSPO 2020 addresses the correct issues so no changes were identified for the proposed Gosport and Town Centre PSPO 2023.

PSPO's provide a strong message regarding Anti-Social Behaviours, with signage often encouraging compliance whilst also providing a basis for advice, education and enforcement if necessary.

2.4 The Council, in accordance with Section 72(3) of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 has carried out the necessary consultation for this PSPO.

The Act requires the necessary consultation to be carried out but does not specify a methodology or consultation duration but it must include consultation with the Chief Constable of Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary, Police and Crime Commissioner and members of the public.

The consultation methodology comprised:

- A survey on the Council's website with hard copies available at local libraries/community hubs and at the Town Hall and upon request (which included provision of alternative formats if required).
- Letters issued to various organisations and key stakeholders including the Chief Constable of Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary, Police and Crime Commissioner Office, Hampshire County Council, Housing Associations, agencies supporting rough sleepers, Gosport Ferry Company, First Bus and taxi drivers.

A press release and various social media communications were used to promote the consultation.

As a PSPO has been enforce for many years and the proposed PSPO reflects the

previous one, a four week consultation period was deemed reasonable (01/11/2023-29/11/2023).

2.6 The survey contained questions specific to the PSPO asking if respondents if they:

- believe if there is a problem with various types of ASB,
- feel that there should be a PSPO to deal with various types of ASB,
- feel the PSPO should be renewed and
- if they had experienced ASB in the Town Centre in the last 12 months.

Additional questions were included to help understand the 'reach of the survey' and to assist with the equality impact assessment.

2.7 The key survey findings are:

Do you believe there is a problem with alcohol/drug/begging/urinating & defecating or blocking entrances/exits related anti-social behaviour in the Borough?

1. Yes – 79.50%
2. No – 4.73%
3. I don't know – 15.77%

Do you think we should have a PSPO to deal with:

1. street drinking – 83.82%
2. drug use – 90.94%
3. begging – 75.73%
4. urinating & defecating – 84.79%
5. blocking entrances/exits – 70.87%
6. No – 1.62%
7. I don't know - 2.91%

Do you agree that the PSPO should be renewed for a further 3 years?

1. Yes – 86.58%
2. No (ended as no longer needed) – 1.34%
3. No opinion – 4.03%
4. Yes / Be varied – 8.05%¹

Have you personally experienced any of the following anti-social behaviour incidents in the Borough of Gosport in the last 12 months? Please tick all that apply

1. Adults drinking alcohol – 52.72%
2. Young people drinking alcohol – 39.80%
3. Threatening or intimidating behaviour by adults – 25.51%
4. Threatening or intimidating behaviour by young people – 29.59%
5. Noisy disturbance by adults who have been drinking alcohol / taking drugs – 52.38%

¹ 23 comment were received with the most popular themes being 1. support for the PSPO (five comments), 2. careful use of enforcement/supportive approach (four comments), and 3. PSPO should cover more areas/issues (three comments)

6. Noisy disturbance by young people who have been drinking alcohol / taking drugs – 41.16%
7. Alcohol litter in the street or park, estate – 67.01%
8. Begging – 54.42%
9. Aggressive Begging – 12.59%
10. Drug litter and or paraphernalia in the area – 52.38%
11. Adults taking drugs – 31.29%
12. Young people taking drugs – 21.09%
13. Urinating or defecating – 29.59%
14. Blocking of entrances or exits – 36.73%
15. Have not experienced any of the above – 6.80%
16. Prefer not to say – 1.02%

The full results are shown in Appendix 2.

- 2.8** Letters were sent to the following organisations seeking views and signposting them to the survey.

Police Chief Constable
 Police Chief Inspector
 Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner
 Hampshire Highways
 Housing Associations – Abri, Vivid, Home Group, Southern Housing Group, Guinness Partnership and Hyde Housing
 Welfare organisations – Inclusion, GBC Housing Advice, Two Saints, Integrated Care Board, Probation Service and the Job Centre
 Community Safety Partners – Motiv8, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service, Y Services, Secondary Schools and College, Pupil Referral Unit, Gosport Police Inspector and Sergeants
 High Street businesses

One direct written responses that was received which positively supported the PSPO.

- 2.9** In summary the consultation has demonstrated a continued perceived problem with ASB and support for the proposed PSPO.

Anti-social behaviour data has been analysed and supports the need for the proposed PSPO along with general community feedback.

The three necessary conditions for a PSPO, set out in paragraph 2.1, are deemed to be met.

It should be noted that the focus of the Council and Police remains on supporting vulnerable individuals, highlight support services, educating and enforcing only when help is unreasonably refused and there is continued ASB. This approach has been agreed by the police and council.

- 2.10** Full Council is required to have regard to the consultation and the information contained within this report and decide whether to approve the introduction of the proposed Gosport and Town Centre PSPO (2023) PSPO with or without modification.

3.0 Risk Assessment

3.1 Failure to approve the proposed Gosport and Town Centre PSPO (2023) PSPO may result in a more ASB which will have a detrimental impact on quality of life.

4.0 Conclusion

4.1 Based on the content of this report the approval of the proposed Gosport and Town Centre PSPO (2023) is sought.

Financial Services comments:	None
Legal Services comments:	Contained within the report
Equality and Diversity:	Please see the Equality Impact Assessment Appendix 3
Crime and Disorder:	The proposed Gosport and Town Centre PSPO (2023) directly addresses anti-social behaviour therefore positively contributes towards Community Safety.
Service Improvement Plan implications:	This has now be integrated into the work plan of the Community Safety and Corporate Policy Section
Corporate Plan:	The proposed Gosport and Town Centre PSPO (2023) will underpin working to keep the borough safe through the Community Safety Partnership
Risk Assessment:	Contained within the report
Background Papers:	N/A
Appendices:	Appendix 1: Proposed Gosport and Town Centre PSPO 2023 Appendix 2: Survey results Appendix 3: Equality Impact Assessment
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Section 59 The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (the “Act”)

The Borough of Gosport & Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order 2023

Gosport Borough Council (the “Council”) having being satisfied the conditions set out at section 59 of the Act are met upon the following detrimental activities being carried out in the Restricted Area

Anti-social behaviour linked to alcohol or drug use

Anti-social behaviour linked to urinating or defecating

Anti-social behaviour linked to begging

Anti-social behaviour linked to blocking entrances/exits

This Order comes into force at XX:XX hours on XXXX 2023 for a period of 3 years.

The Council hereby makes the following Public Spaces Protection Order for its area:

1. Interpretation

- 1.1. “Authorised Person”** means a Council officer authorised by the chief executive of the Council or Police Constable or Police Community Support Officer or authorised Gosport Borough Council Officer, who must present their authority upon request.
- 1.2. “Public Place”** means any place 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.
- 1.3. “Restricted Area 1”** means any land or premises accessible by the public in the area known as the Borough of Gosport and shown edged black on the plan at **Schedule 1** to this order.
- 1.4. “Restricted Area 2”** means any land or premises accessible by the public in the area known as the Town Centre and shown edged black on the plan at **Schedule 2** to this order.

2. Restrictions

- 2.1.** No person shall consume alcohol in any public place in the Restricted Area 1 other than at licensed premises.
- 2.2.** No person shall be in possession of any opened vessel containing or purporting to contain alcohol in any public place in the Restricted Area 1.
- 2.3.** No person shall fail or refuse to comply with any requirement of an Authorised Person to cease consumption of alcohol or surrender any alcohol containers to an Authorised Person.

- 2.4. No person within the Restricted Area 1 will ingest, inhale, inject, smoke or otherwise use intoxicating substances (substances with the capacity to stimulate or depress the central nervous system).
- 2.5. No person will possess any item and or drug paraphernalia that can be used to assist in the taking of intoxicating substances. This includes any device for smoking substances other than e-cigarettes, it also includes needles, except for those packaged and sealed by the manufacturer and store in a hard case.
- 2.6. No person shall fail or refuse to comply with any requirement of any Authorised Person to cease consumption of drugs or surrender any drugs or any containers or any drug paraphernalia in their possession.
- 2.7. No person shall urinate or defecate in any public place within the Restricted Area 1; this does not include public toilets.
- 2.8. No person shall beg by making unsolicited and/or unauthorized requests for money (whether expressly requested or impliedly requested by conduct) within the Restricted Area 2. This shall include any verbal, non-verbal or written request for a standing, sitting or lying down position for money, donations or goods, including the placing of hats, clothing or containers.
- 2.9. No person shall loiter, sit or lay on the floor or on temporary structures in or adjacent to doorways or around pay machines (including banks, supermarkets) in a manner causing or likely to cause harassment, alarm, distress, nuisance or annoyance to any person within the Restricted Area 2.
- 2.10. No person shall congregate in a group of 4 or more people and behave in a manner causing or likely to cause harassment, alarm, distress, nuisance or annoyance to any person within the Restricted Area 2.
- 2.11. No person shall, after being requested to leave by an authorised officer due to them behaving in a manner causing or likely to cause harassment, alarm, distress, nuisance or annoyance to any person within the Restricted Area 2 without reasonable excuse, remain or return to the Restricted Area 2 within a period of 24 hours.

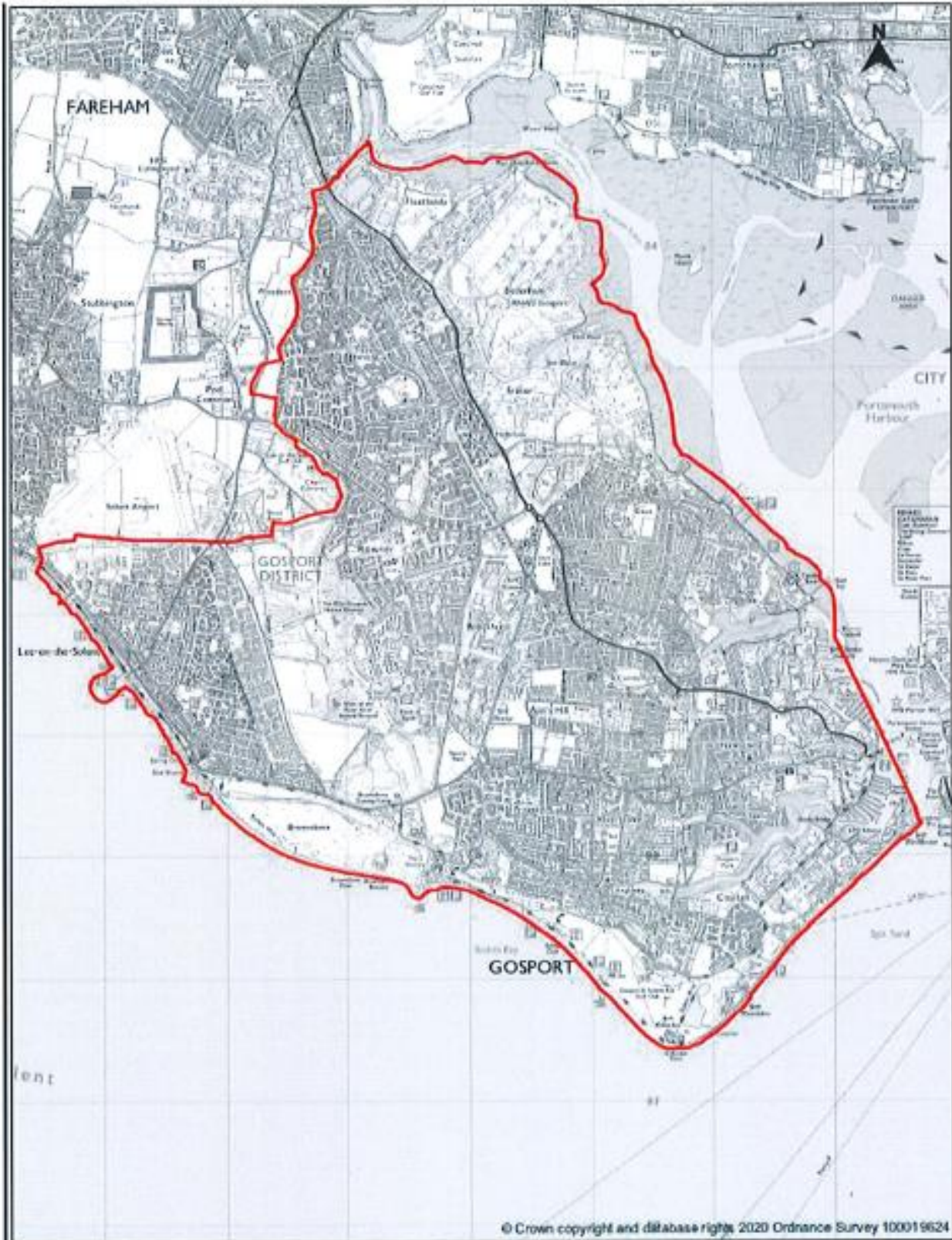
3. Penalty

- 3.1. It is an offence contrary to section 67 of the Act for a person without reasonable excuse to fail to comply with the restrictions in 2 above. A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a level 3 fine not exceeding £1000.

4. This order shall remain in force until XX:XX hours on XXXX 2026.

SCHEDULE 1

RESTRICTED AREA 1



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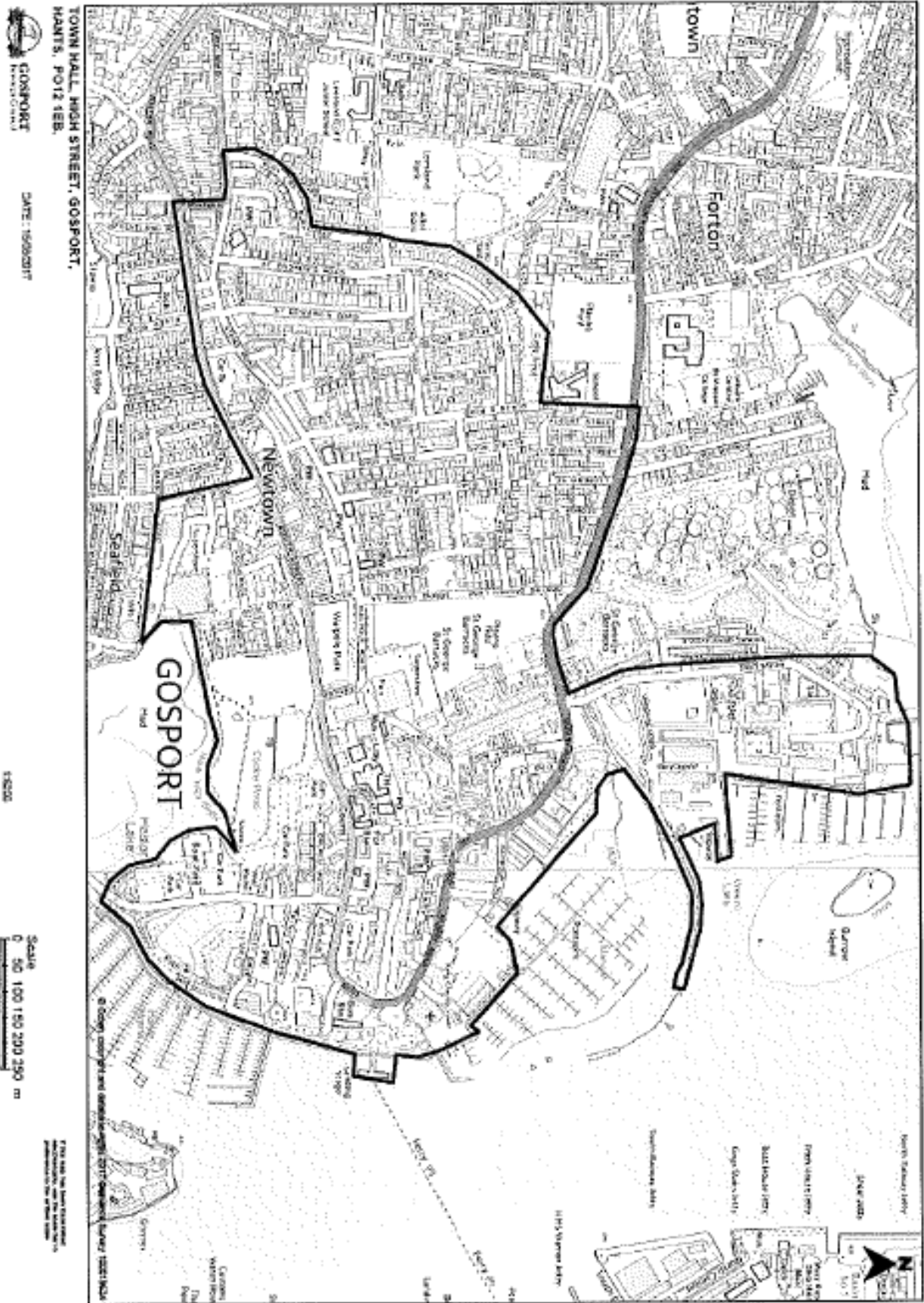
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SCHEDULE 2

RESTRICTED AREA 2



Which ward do you live in, work or visit? Tick all that apply

Answer Choices	Responses	
N/A	0.61%	2
Alverstoke	23.78%	78
Anglesey	20.73%	68
Bridgemaury	7.32%	24
Brockhurst and Privett	4.88%	16
Elson	8.84%	29
Forton	8.23%	27
Grange and Alver Valley	7.32%	24
Harbourside and Town	27.74%	91
Hardway	10.67%	35
Lee East	7.01%	23
Lee West	7.32%	24
Leesland and Newtown	6.40%	21
Peel Common	2.74%	9
Rowner and Holbrook	5.49%	18
Don't know	0.91%	3
	Answered	328
	Skipped	0

Do you believe there is a problem with alcohol/drug/begging/urinating & defecating or blocking entrances/exits related anti-social behaviour in the Borough?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	79.50%	252
No	4.73%	15
I don't know	15.77%	50
	Answered	317
	Skipped	11

Do you think we should have a PSPO to deal with: street drinking/drug use/begging/urinating & defecating and blocking entrances/exits? Tick all that apply

Answer Choices	Responses	
Street drinking	83.82%	259
Drug use	90.94%	281
Begging	75.73%	234
Urinating & defecating	84.79%	262
Blocking entrances & exits	70.87%	219
No	1.62%	5
I don't know	2.91%	9
	Answered	309
	Skipped	19

Do you agree that the PSPO should be renewed for a further 3 years?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	86.58%	258
No (ended as no longer needed)	1.34%	4
No opinion	4.03%	12
Yes / Be varied (please explain below if you want it varied)	8.05%	24
	Answered	298
	Skipped	30

Have you personally experienced any of the following anti-social behaviour incidents in the Borough of Gosport in the last 12 months? Please tick all that apply

Answer Choices	Responses	
Adults drinking alcohol	52.72%	155
Young people drinking alcohol	39.80%	117
Threatening or intimidating behaviour by adults	25.51%	75
Threatening or intimidating behaviour by young people	29.59%	87
Noisy disturbance by adults who have been drinking alcohol / taking drugs	52.38%	154
Noisy disturbance by young people who have been drinking alcohol / taking drugs	41.16%	121
Alcohol litter in the street or park, estate	67.01%	197
Begging	54.42%	160
Aggressive begging	12.59%	37
Drug litter and or paraphernalia in the area	52.38%	154
Adults taking drugs	31.29%	92
Young people taking drugs	21.09%	62
Urinating or defecating	29.59%	87
Blocking of entrances or exits	36.73%	108
Have not experienced any of the above	6.80%	20
Prefer not to say	1.02%	3
	Answered	294
	Skipped	34

I am responding to this consultation as a:

Answer Choices	Responses	
Resident	91.16%	268
Person who works in the borough	3.74%	11
A visitor to the borough	1.02%	3
Local business	2.04%	6
Councillor	1.02%	3
Representative of a community group or voluntary group	1.36%	4
	Answered	294
	Skipped	34

Are you happy to continue and answer the About You questions?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	82.29%	237
No (finish consultation)	17.36%	50
	Answered	288
	Skipped	40

Are you...? Please select one option

Answer Choices	Responses	
Male	48.95%	117
Female	49.37%	118
Other	0.42%	1
Prefer not to say	1.26%	3
	Answered	239
	Skipped	89

Is your gender identity the same as you were assigned at birth? Please select one option

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	98.33%	235
No	0.84%	2
Prefer not to say	0.84%	2
	Answered	239
	Skipped	89

What is your age? Please select one option

Answer Choices	Responses	
Below 16	0.00%	0
16-24	0.42%	1
25-34	1.26%	3
35-44	6.69%	16
45-54	14.23%	34
55-64	28.03%	67
65-74	30.96%	74
75-84	15.06%	36
85 or over	1.67%	4
Prefer not to say	1.67%	4
	Answered	239
	Skipped	89

How would you describe yourself? Please select one option

Answer Choices	Responses	
Heterosexual or straight	92.89%	222
Bisexual	0.42%	1
Lesbian woman	0.42%	1
Gay Man	1.67%	4
Prefer not to say	4.60%	11
Other (please specify)	0.84%	2
	Answered	239
	Skipped	89

Do you consider yourself to have a disability, or a long-term illness, physical or mental health condition? Please select one option

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	26.47%	63
No	73.53%	175
	Answered	238
	Skipped	90

What is the nature of your disability, long-term limiting condition or health problem? Please select all that apply

Answer Choices	Responses	
Physical disability	62.71%	37
Hearing disability	18.64%	11
Learning disability	3.39%	2
Visual disability	3.39%	2
Mental ill health	30.51%	18
Prefer not to say	10.17%	6
Other (please specify)	11.86%	7
	Answered	59
	Skipped	269

Which group do you most identify with? Please select one option.

Answer Choices	Responses	
No religion	34.32%	81
Christian	59.32%	140
Muslim	0.00%	0
Jewish	0.00%	0
Sikh	0.00%	0
Buddhist	0.00%	0
Hindu	0.00%	0
Prefer not to say	5.93%	14
Other (please specify)	1.27%	3
	Answered	236
	Skipped	92

Are you pregnant?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	0.00%	0
No	97.05%	230
Prefer not to say	2.95%	7
	Answered	237
	Skipped	91

Have you had a child in the last 12 months?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	0.43%	1
No	97.45%	229
Prefer not to say	2.13%	5
	Answered	235
	Skipped	93

To which of these groups do you consider you belong?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Single	12.34%	29
Separated	0.43%	1
Married	58.30%	137
Divorced	8.94%	21
Widowed	8.09%	19
Co-habiting	8.09%	19
Same sex civil partnership	0.43%	1
Prefer not to say	3.83%	9
	Answered	235
	Skipped	93

To which of these groups do you consider you belong? Please select one option

Answer Choices	Responses	
White English/ Welsh/ Scottish/ Northern Irish/ British	100.00%	221
Irish	0.00%	0
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0.00%	0
Eastern European	0.00%	0
Other White background (please describe)	0.00%	0
	Answered	221
	Skipped	107

Black / African / Caribbean / Black British

Answer Choices	Responses	
African	100.00%	1
Caribbean	0.00%	0
Black British	0.00%	0
Any other Black / African / Caribbean background (please describe)		0
	Answered	1
	Skipped	327

Asian / Asian British

Answer Choices	Responses	
Indian	0.00%	0
Pakistani	0.00%	0
Bangladeshi	0.00%	0
Chinese	0.00%	0
Any other Asian background (please describe)		0
	Answered	0
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Mixed / multiple ethnic group

Answer Choices	Responses	
White and Black Caribbean	0.00%	0
White and Black African	0.00%	0
White and Asian	100.00%	2
Any other mixed / multiple ethnic background (please describe)		0
	Answered	2
	Skipped	326

Other ethnic group

Answer Choices	Responses	
Arab	0.00%	0
Prefer not to say	100.00%	9
Any other ethnic group (please describe)		0
	Answered	9
	Skipped	319

Have you ever served in the UK armed forces?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	29.79%	70
No	67.23%	158
Prefer not to say	2.98%	7
	Answered	235
	Skipped	93

Are you currently serving in the UK armed forces?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	1.71%	4
No	95.30%	223
Prefer not to say	2.99%	7
	Answered	234
	Skipped	94

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EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT
Full Assessment Form

Part 1 – Main Details	Date Submitted
Full Title of item being assessed Replacement of the Public Spaces Protection Order (Gosport and Town Centre) Further 3 Years	30/11/2023
Name and Contact Details: Julie Petty, Head of Corporate Policy & Community Safety julie.petty@gosport.gov.uk	
Part 2 – Assessment	
Consider the evidence and information sources on the possible adverse impact on any of the protected groups and answer the following questions. Please list additional research or evidence found and the key findings which support this assessment of the equality impact on any protected characteristic.	
Part 2- Background	
<p>This assessment recognises the importance of sociable and cultural use of space balanced against the need to ensure inclusive, respectful use of space that does not cause nuisance or harm.</p> <p>A PSPO is a tool, implemented under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 to ensure the law-abiding majority can use and enjoy public spaces safe and free from anti-social behaviour. The replacement of the PSPO aims to ensure that Gosport has an effective response to tackle ASB, allowing open spaces to be used as intended. PSPOs are intended to be used to deal with a particular nuisance or problem in an area that is detrimental to the local community’s quality of life by imposing conditions on the use of that area that applies to everyone. They are designed to ensure people can use and enjoy public spaces safe from anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>The legitimate aim of the PSPO is to ensure that people are free to use this public space free from anti-social behaviour. This would contribute to the health and well-being of citizens in an urban environment.</p> <p>It should be noted that the focus of the Council and Police remains on supporting vulnerable individuals, highlight support services, educating and enforcing only when help is unreasonably refused and there is continued ASB. This approach has been agreed by the police and council.</p>	

New Research/ Evidence and Source	Key Findings		
<p>Experience of PSPOs and its enforcement. Data from 101 reports made by members of the public from 2020 to 2023 so far show 88 concerns raised about anti-social behaviour covered by the PSPO. To date no one has been prosecuted, but individuals with persistent anti-social behaviour are referred for support.</p>	<p>This shows that the focus has been supporting vulnerable individuals, highlighting support services, educating and enforcing only when help is unreasonably refused and there is continued ASB. In addition there are alternatives to a fixed penalty notice and prosecution for the offence. Acceptable behaviour contracts can be issued when a person agrees to seek help with underlying issues driving the anti-social behaviour such as housing, addiction and mental health</p>		
<p>Support available to persons engaging in ASB who have underlying issues such as health, addiction and housing. The Partnership Action Group (PAG) of the Community Safety Partnership and the Homelessness Action Group (HAG) are multiagency groups designed to identify and coordinate local support and interventions tailored to the needs and circumstances of individuals referred to address underlying issues. The Gosport Community Safety Partnership website provides details of support for vulnerable individuals.</p>	<p>With the replacement of the PSPO the focus must remain on support and intervention and enforcement targeted against the minority who unreasonably fail to engage with the support offered.</p>		
<p>2b. Direct Consultation: Have you consulted directly with any group(s) representing any of the protected characteristics in the assessment of this item? If yes, please complete the information below. If no, please explain why no direct consultation has taken place.</p> <p>A public survey on views about the PSPO was open from 1 to 29 November 2023 and 317 people completed an online survey and 11 people completed a hard copy of the survey. Voluntary equality monitoring questions covering the following protected characteristics were included with the survey. Not all respondents answered all monitoring questions.</p>			
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2.c. Planned Consultation:

A consultation was undertaken to obtain the views of partners, stakeholders and the public 1-29 November 2023 to seek views on whether to replace the previous PSPO for a further three years. Letters were issued to the following organisations seeking feedback (via the survey or direct):

Police Chief Constable

Police Chief Inspector

Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner

Hampshire Highways

Housing Associations – Abri, Vivid, Home Group, Southern Housing Group, Guinness Partnership and Hyde Housing

Welfare organisations – Inclusion, GBC Housing Advice, Two Saints, Integrated Care Board, Probation Service and the Job Centre

Community Safety Partners – Motiv8, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service, Y Services, Secondary Schools and College, Pupil Referral Unit, Gosport Police Inspector and Sergeants

High Street businesses

2d. Have you identified any other possible “barrier” or adverse impact affecting any group which cannot be avoided? Please ✓ Yes ____ No ✓

If yes, please provide details of how your item will deal with this.

Part 3 – Monitoring

Consider the main aims of the policy, strategy or function being assessed. Are there any intended outcomes of this item in relation to the protected characteristics or any other group that could be adversely affected? None identified from current PSPO or from the consultation.

3a. What monitoring arrangements have you put in place to regularly monitor the impact of this policy, strategy or function on different characteristics? (Monitoring can include satisfaction surveys, ways to monitor service take up or use by certain groups, formal and informal complaints, etc). Please

refer to the Equality Monitoring Framework found on the Equality & Diversity Infonet pages for guidance on the Council's corporate standard for using equality monitoring questions.

Target Group	Monitoring Method	By Whom	Frequency
Persons with underlying issues such as housing, poverty, and addictions.	There are existing meetings of the partnership action group and homelessness action group	Council, police and other agencies that attend	Monthly PAG meetings. 8 weekly HAG meetings.
Review of PSPO	Fresh consultation exercise	Council, police and other agencies	Every 3 years- next due 2026.

Part 4 – Communicating to Customers

4a. How have you communicated the development of or proposed changes to this policy, strategy or function to stakeholders? (E.g. Coastline, Staff Information Bulletin, leaflets, website, etc.) Please provide details.

Name of Group	Communication Method	When
Public and stakeholders	Website notice, social media	Prior to, and during, the consultation period.

Part 5 – Training

5a. Have you identified any training needs for staff in order to successfully implement this item?


Please ✓ Yes ___ No ___

5b. If yes, please list any training required, how and when you plan to achieve this. If training has already occurred, please list. Training will be provided to new Enforcement Officers on the PSPO.

Staff Group	Training Needed	By When
Enforcement officers	Familiarisation of the PSPO	Ongoing and for any new staff

Part 6 – Additional Comments

6a. Do you have any additional comments to make in support of this assessment? If yes, please explain.
No specific negative impacts of this proposal on any protected characteristics were identified from the answers to the survey questions and the responses to the equality monitoring questions. Individuals in breach of the PSPO should have their specific vulnerabilities considered and assessed and positive interventions offered before enforcement measures are taken in order to ensure fair treatment and no discrimination is taking place.

7. Date 30-11-23	Lead Officer(s) responsible for this assessment Julie Petty	Number(s): 02392 545381
8. Name of Section Head: Julie Petty 		Date Approved by Section Head: 01/12/2023

E&D Lead Officer Recommendation(s):

Re-Submit --This full assessment form is incomplete and requires further information as listed in order to assess this item.

Adopt/Implement--This full assessment has been successfully completed and been assessed. The policy, strategy or function can proceed toward formal adoption, if required, or to implementation.

Do not proceed --This full assessment has identified adverse impacts on _____ which Have not been sufficiently minimised, and / or unlawful discrimination has or can be taking place. This policy, Strategy or function should not be adopted or continue until further actions are taken.

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