

Record of Officer Decision

Hopes Nose and Berry Head Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)

Decision Taker and Date Decision Taken:

Director of Pride in Place on 26 May 2023 following consultation with Leader of the Council and the Cabinet member with responsibility for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture.

Summary of Matter or Issue Requiring Decision:

Following continued reports of anti-social behaviour (ASB) at Hopes Nose, Torquay and increasing reports of the same at Berry Head, Brixham the Council has consulted on the potential for a public spaces protection order to be introduced at these two locations. In addition to the disruption caused at the sites by the antisocial behaviour there is a material risk to Torbay's UNESCO Global Geopark designation. Loss of this designation would have long term reputational harm for Torbay.

Decision Taken:

To implement a Public Spaces Protection Order at Hopes Nose, Torquay and Berry Head, Brixham until 31 December 2024, fixed penalty notices will be issued with fines of £100 and enforcement activity will take place to support the order.

Summary of Reason(s) for Decision Taken:

The Council has consulted with a variety of stakeholders including but not limited to the general public, Devon & Cornwall Police, Natural England, Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust, Devon Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authority and Member of Parliament. There has been overwhelming support for the introduction of a PSPO as a short-term measure over the next two fishing seasons to allow for the development of longer term options for the management of these spaces.

Summary of Alternatives or Options considered and rejected and Background Papers:

To retain the status quo, this option was rejected given the ongoing concerns and issues experienced by members of the community when seeking to enjoy these spaces.

Details of any conflict of interest and dispensation granted to the Officer taking the decision or by any Member of the Council in delegating responsibility for any specific express delegation:

None.

Implementation:

This decision will be implemented immediately.

A copy of this decision and any supporting documentation considered by the Officer taking this decision may also be available for inspection by the public at the Council's offices or posted upon payment of any copying and postage charges. Any member of the public wishing to take up either of these options is asked to please ring (01803) 207087 or email

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Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Director of Pride in Place)