

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN AND WEST NORFOLK

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY OFFICERS UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

This is a record of a decision taken by officers under delegated powers and where necessary taken in consultation with members and officers.

REPORT TITLE:	Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) (Restricting alcohol)
OPEN/EXEMPT	Open
LEAD OFFICER	Mark Whitmore
IS DECISION SUBJECT TO CALL IN?:	If Exec decision then yes. If non Exec decision then no. If Urgent decision then no – need to provide reasons.
DATE DECISION ADVERTISED:	8 th September 2026
DATE OF DECISION:	15 th September 2026
DEADLINE FOR CALL IN:	22 nd September 2026
PRE-SCREENING EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT COMPLETED:	YES

Delegated Power

Specify the particular delegated power being exercised by reference to the Scheme of Delegation or the Council body minute and date.

Powers under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2024 delegated to Executive Director. Cabinet decision made Tuesday 3rd March 2015 - Rec 123: Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2014 – Reports (5) Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (Page 76). Reason for Decision To enable effective use of powers available under the Act to deal with Anti-Social Behaviour.

Decision Taken

Specify precise details of the decision taken.

To renew the Public Spaces Protection Order (Restricting Alcohol)(Borough Council of Kings Lynn and West Norfolk) for Downham Market, Hunstanton and King's Lynn.

The orders to run from the 4th October 2026 (on expiry of the existing orders) for a period of 3 years (that being the maximum duration permitted under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014).

Reasons for the Decision

Specify all reasons for taking the decision

The current PSPO's expire on the 4th October 2026 at which point the PSPO must have been extended, renewed or varied. If the order is not extended, renewed or varied it will naturally fall.

The reasons for renewal of the orders are to provide the necessary regulatory powers to the council and police to deal with alcohol related anti-social behaviour and specifically to:

- Enhance Community Safety and reduce ASB and Crime.
- Provide early intervention where authorised officers can request individuals to stop drinking and/or surrender their alcohol before a formal breach or before disorder/crime occurs.
- Provide de-escalation by preventing public intoxication reduces associated issues like verbal abuse, intimidating behaviour or late-night people noise.
- Support agencies to reclaim shared areas for families, visitors and the law-abiding majority can enjoy town centres, parks and neighbourhoods without facing nuisance behaviours.
- Create cleaner environments by restricting uncontrolled street drinking leads to less alcohol related litter, such as broken glass, can and public fouling.
- Benefit to the community and environment through reducing the impact of alcohol related disorder and crimes, reducing the fear of crime and protecting local economy by providing a safer, more welcoming space which encourages footfall.
- Provide opportunities for support pathways for vulnerable street drinkers with invention/engagement by Authorised Officers offering signposting towards alcohol support and addiction services.

In line with regulatory requirements a consultation process has been completed. In addition to the statutory consultees (Chief Constable and Police and Crime Commissioner) the council consulted with councillors from the Town, Parish and County in the areas covered by the PSPO. Other statutory and voluntary partners and the public were also consulted. The consultation received 42 responses with 38 (90%) in favour of extension of the orders.

Details of alternative options, if any, considered and rejected.

The orders could be extended or varied to cover additional areas or behaviours or be allowed to fall on the 4th October 2026.

There is insufficient evidence to warrant extension of the Orders to other areas at this time, should the order be extended this could lead to a reasonable challenge that the order is to prohibitive in its extent and as such has been rejected.

If the order were to fall powers to deal with anti-social drinking would rely solely on reactive police responses to crimes and would remove a key tool in deterring such behaviour from occurring before more serious offences are committed. As such allowing the orders to fall has been rejected.

Any declarations of interest and details of any dispensations granted in respect of interests (in relation to officers and any Members consulted).

None

List of Background papers

- Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 CHAPTER 2 Public spaces protection orders and expedited orders S.59 – S.75.
- Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014: Anti-Social Behaviour Powers Statutory guidance for Frontline professionals – July 2025 - Pages 64 – 80.
- Witness Statement supporting PSPO renewal/ extension – Sgt Donna Wiseman – Norfolk Constabulary.
- Norfolk Constabulary Alcohol incident data.
- Borough Council/CCTV complaint/incident alcohol data.
- Public & Partner consultation results

Survey link:- <https://results.smartsurvey.co.uk/t5yEpJy1HrLDUOmWn7nwGluYdw6hOBMc> -

Authorisation

Post Held – Assistant Director – Health, Wellbeing and Public Protection

Signature



Date 26 August 2026

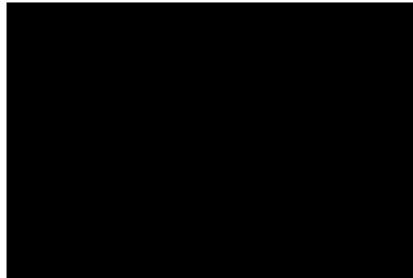
Consultation with members/officers

If the decision is taken following consultation with the members/officers, please give details:

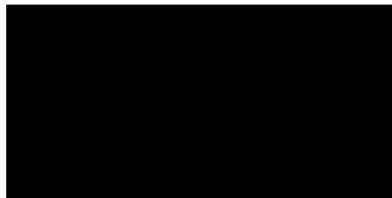
Name of Members/officers consulted:

Cllr Jo Rust – Cabinet Member for People and Communities

Jeannette Hollingsworth – Environmental Health Manager (Community Safety, Neighbourhood Nuisance and Housing Standards)

Signed by Member/officer as consulted:

Cllr Jo Rust



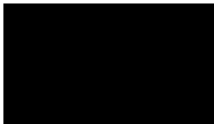
Jeanette Hollingsworth

Date: 04 September 2026

Executive Leadership Team Authorisation

Post Held – Chief of Staff and Monitoring Officer

Signature



Date 26 August 2026

Stage 1 - Pre-Screening Equality Impact Assessment

For equalities profile information please visit [Norfolk Insight - Demographics and Statistics - Data Observatory](#)

Name of policy/service/function	Community Safety & Neighbourhood Nuisance - Public Space Protection Order (restriction on alcohol consumption).				
Is this a new or existing policy/service/function? <i>(tick as appropriate)</i>	New		Existing	✓	
Brief summary/description of the main aims of the policy/service/function being screened. Please state if this policy/service is rigidly constrained by statutory obligations, and identify relevant legislation.	Renewal of the Public Space Protection Order (Restriction on alcohol consumption) from 1st October 2026 for a further period of 3 years, under the Antisocial Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. This is not a statutory obligation but Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, places a duty on Local Authorities to consider all its functions and do it reasonably can to prevent Crime and Disorder. An additional duty has been added to the C&D 1998 under the Serious Violence Duty 2022 to reduce violence against women and girls and serious violence including knife crime. Managing behaviour associated with alcohol consumption is a recognised measure to reduce Crime and Disorder. This decision is also linked to the Councils commitment to reducing alcohol consumption by young persons, through work with the West Norfolk Community Alcohol Partnership.				
Who has been consulted as part of the development of the policy/service/function? – new only <i>(identify stakeholders consulted with)</i>	Statutory and non-statutory partners (Norfolk PCC and the Chief Constable of Norfolk) - Charities groups, - Voluntary sector , - Trade/Business - Public <i>(including press release, public notice, electronic and hardcopy consultation survey)</i> - Parish Council <i>(relevant North/South Wootton)</i> - Town Council's - KLAC - Borough Cllrs - County Cllrs - MP's (x2)				
Question	Answer				
1. Is there any reason to believe that the policy/service/function could have a specific impact on people from one or more of the following groups, for example, because they have particular needs, experiences, issues or		Positive	Negative	Neutral	Unsure
	Age			x	
	Disability			x	

priorities or in terms of ability to access the service? Please tick the relevant box for each group. NB. Equality neutral means no negative impact on any group. <i>If potential adverse impacts are identified, then a full Equality Impact Assessment (Stage 2) will be required.</i> <i>*For more information on health inequalities please visit The King's Fund</i>	Sex			x	
	Gender Re-assignment			x	
	Marriage/civil partnership			x	
	Pregnancy & maternity			x	
	Race			x	
	Religion or belief			x	
	Sexual orientation			x	
	Armed forces community			x	
	Care leavers			x	
	Health inequalities*			x	
	Other (eg low income, caring responsibilities)			x	

Please provide a brief explanation of the answers above:

The decision does not aim to target any specific group and will be broadly applied to all members of the community, given that the Public Space Protection Order sets out to prohibit behaviour considered to be Antisocial as a result of excessive alcohol consumption. Any specific individual considerations will be taken into account at enforcement stage in line with the powers in the ASBPCA 2014, statutory guidance and the Borough Council's enforcement Policy.

The statutory guidance on the implementation of Public Space Protection Orders, make it clear that the powers should not be used to target vulnerable individuals or groups.

Question	Answer	Comments	
2. Is the proposed policy/service likely to affect relations between certain equality communities or to damage relations between the equality communities and the Council, for example because it is seen as favouring a particular community or denying opportunities to another?	Yes / No		
3. Could this policy/service be perceived as impacting on communities differently?	Yes / No		
If 'yes' to questions 2 - 3 a full impact assessment will be required unless comments are provided to explain why this is not felt necessary: Decision agreed by EWG member:			
4. Are any impacts identified above minor and if so, can these be eliminated or reduced by minor actions? If yes, please agree actions with a member of the Corporate Equalities Working Group and list agreed actions in the comments section	Yes / No	Actions:	
		Actions agreed by EWG member:	
5. Is the policy/service specifically designed to tackle evidence of disadvantage or potential discrimination?	Yes / No	Please provide brief summary:	
Assessment completed by: Name	Andy Nederpel		
Job title	Community Safety Manager		
Date completed	30 th July 2026		
Reviewed by EWG member	Alison Demonty 	Date	30.07.26

✓ Please tick to confirm completed EIA Pre-screening Form has been shared with Corporate Policy (corporate.policy@west-norfolk.gov.uk)