

**To consider if a PSPO (Public Space Protection Order)**  
**should be investigated.**

Due to recent behavioural issues and persistent dog fouling Councillors are asked to consider if the Clerk should spend time and effort with TVBC legal team to ascertain the measures that can be taken to implement a PSPO if Council desire it.

What is a PSPO?

Local Authorities were granted powers to introduce a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) under the [Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#).

PSPOs are intended to deal with a particular nuisance in a defined public space, where the nuisance behaviour is having a negative impact on the quality of life for those in that public space.

A PSPO can remain in place for up to three years.

Breaking a PSPO may lead to a fixed penalty notice or prosecution.

As a minimum, each PSPO must set out:

- what the detrimental activities are
- what is being prohibited and/or required, including any exemptions
- the area covered
- the consequences for breach
- the period for which it has effect.

Other reading: [Public spaces protection orders: guidance for councils \(local.gov.uk\)](#)

**The TVBC legal team have already been contacted and asked for advice. A meeting will be set up shortly if Councillors wish the Clerk to investigate further.**