



**A programme of online engagement meetings between Cheshire West and Chester Council and town and parish councils in partnership with Cheshire Association of Local Councils**

Subject	Speaker	Date
<b>Dog Control - Public Spaces Protection Order Consultation (13 May 2021 – 04 July 2021)</b> <b>Overview and opportunity for discussion and questions</b>	<b>Cheshire West and Chester Council’s Regulatory Services</b> <b>Animal Health Lead, Nicki Rose</b>	<b>28 June 2021</b> <b>6pm – 7pm</b>  <b>Places available</b>

Join Cheshire West and Chester Council’s Regulatory Services to discuss the current consultation on Dog Control followed by an opportunity for questions.

In October 2018 the Council introduced a wide range of measures covering the control of dogs and encouraging responsible dog ownership, which are now due for review.

The measures currently in force are:

- Dogs are excluded from fully enclosed children’s play areas that contain play equipment
- Dogs are excluded from fully or partially enclosed Multi Use Games Areas (MUGAs) and Tennis Courts
- Dogs must be placed on a lead at the request of an authorised officer
- Dogs must be on a lead in Council owned cemeteries and crematorium
- Where a lead is required it must be a maximum of 2m in length (fixed or locked)
- A maximum of 6 dogs per person can be walked together
- Dog walkers must carry sufficient means to pick up their dog foul.

In addition, a separate PSPO was introduced banning smoking from fully enclosed children’s play areas that contain play equipment – this is also being reviewed. It is already an offence if dog walkers fail to pick up dog foul. It is proposed that this standalone offence be included in the wider PSPO on dog control.

This consultation asks for views on the current measures in place as well as seeking views on adding additional control areas. In particular, the council has received a number of enquiries regarding church cemeteries not maintained by the council. The consultation asks if the PSPO should be extended to include a requirement for dogs to be on a lead in all cemeteries and asks if any other areas should be considered.





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It is advised that you review the consultation document prior to the meeting to ensure you can meet the deadlines for consultation responses. A summary is also attached for ease of discussion.

The full survey can be accessed online at:

[www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/DogControlOrderReview](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/DogControlOrderReview)

**To register your interest in attending this online meeting email [nikkihewitt@chalc.org.uk](mailto:nikkihewitt@chalc.org.uk) by Friday 25 June 2021. A join the meeting link will then follow.**

