

ASHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL



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Agenda

Council

Date: **Thursday, 23rd September, 2021**

Time: **7.00 pm**

Venue: **Council Chamber, Council Offices, Urban Road,
Kirkby-in-Ashfield**

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COUNCIL

Membership

Chairman: Councillor Arnie Hankin
Vice-Chairman: Councillor John Smallridge

Councillors:

John Baird	Chris Baron
Kier Barsby	Jamie Bell
Jim Blagden	Will Bostock
Christian Chapman	Melanie Darrington
Samantha Deakin	Andy Gascoyne
Dale Grounds	Andrew Harding
David Hennigan	Tom Hollis
Trevor Locke	Rachel Madden
Sarah Madigan	David Martin
Andy Meakin	Lauren Mitchell
Keir Morrison	Warren Nuttall
Matthew Relf	Kevin Rostance
Phil Rostance	Dave Shaw
Helen-Ann Smith	David Walters
Lee Waters	Caroline Wilkinson
Daniel Williamson	John Wilmott
Jason Zadrozny	

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SUMMONS

You are hereby requested to attend a meeting of the Council to be held at the time/place and on the date mentioned above for the purpose of transacting the business set out below.



Theresa Hodgkinson
Chief Executive

AGENDA

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1. To receive apologies for absence, if any.
2. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Personal Interests and/or Non-Registrable Interests.
3. To receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 29 July 2021. 9 - 24
4. To receive any announcements from the Chairman, Leader, Members of the Cabinet and the Head of Paid Service.
5. To receive questions from the Public in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11, if any.

From Stewart Chalkley, Hucknall

“QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL HOUSING.

Ashfield District Council is proposing to develop housing on the allotment site on Wesley Street, Annesley Woodhouse. There has been a tremendous amount of inaccurate and mistruths coming from elected members of the Ashfield Independents.

CAN YOU, THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR SOCIAL HOUSING, PLEASE TELL ME:

As residents from Annesley want to produce their own fruit and vegetables, why has this site been targeted for development, when there is a waiting list for occupation?”

6. To receive and consider any petitions submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12, if any.
(None received for this meeting)
7. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2 (viii) to receive reports from the Cabinet in relation to the Council's budget and policy framework, reports of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for debate and reports from Officers of the Council:-

a Appointment to Outside Body.

Body:	Representative:	Term Ending:
Hucknall Relief in Need Charity <i>Term Ending For: Cllr. Chris Baron Cllr. Jim Blagden</i>	two representatives	30 November 2024 (3 year term)

8. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2 (ix), to receive recommendations from the Cabinet and the Council's Committees and resolve in accordance with the Council's rules of debate as per the attached schedule.

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9. Updates from Members of the Cabinet on their Portfolio Activity.

10. Notices of Motion.

Motion 1

To consider a notice of motion proposed by Councillor Helen-Ann Smith and seconded by Councillor Dave Shaw, as follows:-

“Ashfield District Council notes the government’s Elections Bill, which is undergoing its second reading in the House of Commons, will require individuals to show photographic ID for UK Parliamentary elections in Great Britain, local elections in England, and Police and Crime Commissioner elections in England and Wales.

It further notes a Cabinet Office impact assessment that estimates the policy will cost up to £180million. £180million would buy 15,316 hip operations, 5,986 new ventilators or 9.9million hours of tutoring in schools.

This Council acknowledges that there were 171 allegations of in-person voter fraud at polling stations in Local and Parliamentary elections from 2014 to 2019 - of which three led to a conviction.

This Council believes that at a time when the country is facing huge financial challenges due to COVID-19, spending up to £180million over ten years on a Voter ID scheme to make it harder for people to vote in elections is wrong both morally and shows a lack of priorities.

Ashfield District Council believes that Voter Identification laws are a costly solution to a problem that does not exist and is a distraction from our recovery from Covid-19.

This Council notes the views of charities including Save the Children, independent campaign groups such as Greenpeace, and the trades union movement, who have condemned the Election's Bill as "...an attack on the UK's proud democratic tradition and some of our most fundamental rights".

The types of ID accepted include passports, driving licences and blue badge cards, yet according to a UK-wide study commissioned by the Cabinet Office, more than 2 million people lack the necessary ID to take part in UK elections.

This Council believes that thousands of residents in the Ashfield District do not own photo ID. These proposed laws will disproportionately effect areas with higher levels of deprivation across the Ashfield District. Poorer residents, the elderly, the young and people with disabilities will be impacted.

Ashfield District Council therefore agrees to write to the Secretary of State for Justice, who is responsible for constitutional affairs and all Nottinghamshire MPs requesting that they oppose the photo identification element of the Elections Bill currently going through Parliament."

Motion 2

To consider a notice of motion proposed by Councillor David Martin and seconded by Councillor Lee Waters, as follows:-

"Ashfield District Council notes that General practice in England has faced an extremely challenging time during the COVID-19 pandemic. It further notes that according to the latest figures available from the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group – nearly 25,000 residents across Nottinghamshire had to wait more than a month for a GP appointment in June and that nearly 40% of residents don't have access to face to face consultations anymore.

Ashfield District Council believes that access to a GP is a post-code lottery and is creating a health care crisis which is especially acute in places like Hucknall and the Selston Parish.

This Council believes that residents should have access to high-quality GP care when they need it.

This Council notes with the number of GPs falling - due to lack of recruitment and retention and with the population rising, demands on GPs are higher than ever. There are millions of patients whose treatment has been delayed due to the pandemic, more tests to administer and additional bureaucracy. GP workload is becoming unmanageable.

GPs and their teams cannot meet this challenge without more support.

This Council is calling on the UK Government to provide the funding and commitment needed to urgently increase the number of GPs, practice nurses and other practice staff and to improve the premises in which they work. This will help GP practices in the Ashfield District and across England to meet the growing needs of people in our communities, providing the care we and our families need.

This Council backs the campaign by the British Medical Association – “Support your Surgery” – which calls for Government investment in general practice to provide better services, better buildings and more GPs and practice staff.

This Council therefore resolves to write to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care – the Right Honourable Sajid Javed MP and Lucy Dudge, the Chief Commissioning Officer of the NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group highlighting the health inequalities that exist in the Ashfield District.”

Motion 3

To consider a notice of motion proposed by Councillor Jason Zadrozny and seconded by Councillor Sam Deakin, as follows:-

“Ashfield District Council notes with regret that tens of thousands of families claiming Universal Credit and Working Tax Credits in the county will lose more than £1,000 a year when the uplift to the benefits is lifted. The Government plan to remove its £20 per week uplift – brought in to support struggling families through the pandemic from October 6.

This Council notes that 5 out of 10 people affected by this are in work yet the Government claim that stopping this uplift is “...a shift to getting people back to work.” This Council therefore believes that stopping this uplift is purely an ideological attack on the poorest residents of Ashfield and the rest of the country.

It will mean a loss of £1,040 to the current, overall annual package received by claimants in the Ashfield District, or around £86.66 per month. This Council believes that these plans mean the biggest overnight reduction to a basic rate of social security since the modern welfare state began more than 70 years ago.

This Council notes that families with children will be disproportionately impacted and six in 10 of all single-parent families in the UK will be impacted.

In the Ashfield Constituency, this cut will adversely impact 9150 families. In the Sherwood Constituency it will adversely impact 7520 families currently in receipt of Universal Credit or Working Tax credits according to figures released by the Joseph Roundtree Foundation.

This Council believes:

(1) That failing to maintain the recent uplift will have a devastating effect on 16,670 families in the Ashfield and Sherwood constituencies at a time when they need financial support the most and will increase hardship and poverty for people who are already struggling.

(2) That reducing benefits will have an adverse impact on child poverty, other poverty levels and the financial health and well-being of people of the poorest in our County.

This Council therefore resolves to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer - The Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP, the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions - Thérèse Coffey MP to ask them to reverse this decision and to strengthen the support offered by Universal Credit and Working Tax Credits.”

- 11. To answer any questions submitted in writing by Members in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13, if any.**

(None received for this meeting)

- 12. To receive a list of minutes and a web link to access Cabinet and Committee meeting minutes that have been published since the last ordinary meeting of the Council for Members to give notice of their intention to ask a question of a relevant Chairman under Procedure Rule 13.2.**

(None received for this meeting)

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COUNCIL

Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Urban Road, Kirkby-in-Ashfield,

on Thursday, 29th July, 2021 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillor Arnie Hankin in the Chair;

Councillors John Baird, Chris Baron, Kier Barsby, Jamie Bell, Jim Blagden, Will Bostock, Christian Chapman, Melanie Darrington, Samantha Deakin, Andy Gascoyne, Andrew Harding, David Hennigan, Tom Hollis, Trevor Locke, Sarah Madigan, David Martin, Andy Meakin, Lauren Mitchell, Keir Morrison, Warren Nuttall, Matthew Relf, Kevin Rostance, Phil Rostance, Dave Shaw, John Smallridge, Helen-Ann Smith, David Walters, Lee Waters, Caroline Wilkinson, Daniel Williamson, John Wilmott and Jason Zadrozny.

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Dale Grounds and Rachel Madden.

Officers Present: Lynn Cain, Carol Cooper-Smith, Ruth Dennis, Katherine Green, Theresa Hodgkinson, Peter Hudson, Mike Joy and Shane Wright.

C.15 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Personal Interests and/or Non-Registrable Interests

Theresa Hodgkinson declared an interest in agenda item 7b (Appointment of the Chief Executive and Head of the Paid Service) and advised that she would be leaving the room whilst the item of business was voted upon.

C.16 Minutes

RESOLVED

that the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 4 March and 20 May 2021, as now submitted, be received and approved.

C.17 Announcements from the Chairman, Leader, Members of the Cabinet and the Head of Paid Service

No announcements were made.

C.18 Questions from the Public

No questions were received for consideration.

C.19 Petitions

No petitions were submitted for consideration.

C.20 Report on Urgent Key Decisions

The Leader of the Council advised as follows:-

“In accordance with Rule 17.2 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules it is necessary for me to inform the Council when an executive decision has been taken pursuant to Rule 16 (Special Urgency Provisions.)

I can confirm to the Council that four such decisions have been taken as a matter of urgency since the last Council meeting in December 2020:

- *Leasing of Brook Street Offices, Sutton in Ashfield*
- *Carbon Saving Works to Council Assets – Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (Phase 2)*
- *Green Homes Grant Phase 2*
- *Letting of Commercial Property - Grangemouth*

The decisions were key and two contained exempt information but the full 28 days’ notice could not be given due to the need to proceed with the transactions without delay.

The Rule 16 Notice and the non-exempt elements of the decisions have been duly published.”

C.21 Appointment of the Chief Executive and Head of the Paid Service

Council was requested to consider the appointment to the post of Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service.

(In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 30.1, Councillor Jason Zadrozny moved suspension of Council Procedure Rule 16.4, in relation to the "Content and Length of Speeches", to enable him to deliver a farewell speech to the outgoing Interim Chief Executive, Carol Cooper-Smith. Having been seconded by Councillor Samantha Deakin, the motion was duly carried.)

Theresa Hodgkinson took the opportunity to express her thanks and gratitude to Carol Cooper-Smith for her commitment and exemplary service to Ashfield District Council, as Interim Chief Executive, over the past couple of years.

The Leader of the Council then delivered a farewell speech to Carol and presented her with some gifts from the Ashfield Independent Group. Many other Members also reiterated their appreciation and offered their best wishes for the future.

(At this point in the proceedings, Theresa Hodgkinson left the room whilst the vote was cast in relation to the Chief Executive appointment.)

RESOLVED

that the Council appoints Theresa Hodgkinson to the post of Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service with effect from 1 August 2021.

To conclude, Theresa Hodgkinson, as the new Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service, thanked Members for their votes and pledged her commitment to the Council, Members and the residents of Ashfield whilst looking forward to working with all concerned in the future.

(In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 30, it was moved by Councillor Jason Zadrozny and seconded by Councillor Samantha Deakin that Procedure Rules 10 (Duration of Meeting) and 23 (Conclusion of Proceedings) be suspended, for the duration of the meeting, to enable all matters on the agenda to be satisfactorily concluded. Having been put to the vote, the Council agreed with this course of action.)

C.22 Annual Scrutiny Report 2021

The Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Andrew Harding, presented the Annual Scrutiny Report for 2021 with contributions from Councillors Dave Shaw, Christian Chapman and Jim Blagden as Chairmen of the three appointed Scrutiny Panels.

RESOLVED

that the work undertaken by scrutiny from 2019 to 2021 as detailed within the Annual Scrutiny Report 2021, as presented, be received and noted.

C.23 Proposed Capital Programme Addition 2021/22

Approval was sought from Council to add a £3m budget to the Capital Programme to facilitate the timely acquisition of in-District properties to support the regeneration of the District.

RESOLVED

that approval be given for the addition of a £3m budget to the General Fund Capital Programme for the potential acquisition of in-District properties for regeneration purposes.

C.24 Interim Review of Polling Places

Council was presented with proposals to carry out an interim review of polling places to consider issues highlighted during the elections in May 2021.

RESOLVED that

- a) the establishment of a Polling Places Review Working Party, be approved with a remit as outlined in the report and with the full scope being developed at the first meeting of this Working Party;
- b) it be agreed that the Working Party consists of 6 Members: 4 Ashfield Independents Members, 1 Conservative Member and 1 Labour Member;
- c) the membership of the Working Party to be as follows:

Samantha Deakin
Tom Hollis
Lauren Mitchell
Kevin Rostance
Helen-Ann Smith
Jason Zadrozny;
- d) the Leader of the Council, Councillor Jason Zadrozny, be appointed as Chairman of the Working Party;
- e) the timetable to complete the review, as outlined in the report, be approved.

C.25 Boundary Commission for England Proposals for Parliamentary Boundaries

Council was provided with an overview of the Boundary Commission for England proposals for Parliamentary Boundaries and the consultation stage currently underway.

Two plans were circulated to Members outlining proposals for an initial response from the Council.

During the discussion Councillors Chris Baron, Lauren Mitchell and Keir Morrison stated that they did not want their names being included with any formal response from the Council in respect of the parliamentary boundary proposals and wished this to be noted in the minutes.

In addition, and in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 18.4 [Recorded Vote], Councillor Lauren Mitchell moved that the vote in relation to this item be formally recorded in the minutes. Having been duly seconded by Councillor Keir Morrison and put to the vote, Members agreed to this course of action.)

RESOLVED that

- a) the Boundary Commission for England proposals for Parliamentary Boundaries and the consultation stage currently underway, be received and noted;

- b) it be agreed that the Council makes a formal representation to the Boundary Commission for England, as part of the consultation stage, based on the suggested alternative boundaries detailed within the report and the two plans further circulated at the meeting.

Voting Results			
Councillor:		Councillor:	
John Baird	For	David Martin	For
Chris Baron	For	Andy Meakin	For
Kier Barsby	For	Lauren Mitchell	Against
Jamie Bell	For	Keir Morrison	Against
Jim Blagden	Against	Warren Nuttall	For
Will Bostock	For	Matthew Relf	For
Christian Chapman	For	Kevin Rostance	Against
Melanie Darrington	Against	Phil Rostance	Against
Samantha Deakin	For	Dave Shaw	Against
Andy Gascoyne	For	John Smallridge	For
Dale Grounds	<i>Absent</i>	Helen-Ann Smith	For
Arnie Hankin	For	David Walters	For
Andrew Harding	For	Lee Waters	Against
David Hennigan	For	Caroline Wilkinson	For
Tom Hollis	For	Daniel Williamson	For
Trevor Locke	Against	John Wilmott	Against
Rachel Madden	<i>Absent</i>	Jason Zadrozny	For
Sarah Madigan	For		

C.26 Recommendations from the Cabinet and the Council's Committees

In accordance with the Council Procedure Rule 2(ix), Council considered the following recommendations:-

Minute No. CA.12
Cabinet – 19 July 2021
Draft Outturn Report 2021

RESOLVED

that approval be given to carry-forward the £5.455m underspend on the Capital Programme to 2021/22, due to slippage (delays to schemes) included in the Programme and as outlined in Section 4 of the Cabinet report.

Minute No. CA.13
Cabinet – 19 July 2021
Addition to Capital Programme - S106 Funding

RESOLVED

approval be given to the additions to the Capital Programme of a number of green space improvement projects, funded through Section 106 public open space contributions and as outlined in the Cabinet report.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.16pm and reconvened at 9.30pm.

(During the adjournment, Councillors Chris Baron and Melanie Darrington left the meeting at 9.18pm.)

C.27 Updates from Members of the Cabinet on their Portfolio Activity

Councillor Samantha Deakin - Portfolio Holder for Parks, Town Centres and Neighbourhood Services

- Officers have been busy administering the Welcome Back Fund and the Senior Covid Information Officer is with the Council until the end of September
- The organisation of events is well underway with a planned Food Festival and Tabletop Sales.
- Footfall is increasing at all town centres with Kirkby making a slow start but increasing steadily
- Projects continue with £550k being spent on the Council's parks and open spaces and a further £500k investment imminent
- Replanting of 1000 trees
- The success of the 2021 Spring Clean, Bag It and Flying Skip Campaigns and a thank you to all staff involved
- New proposals for the Big Spring Clean 2022
- Recent works being carried out at Kings Mill Reservoir by a Youth Voluntary Charity
- The installation of a rapid electric charger at the Depot and plans to replace the diesel fleet with new hybrid vehicles.

Councillor Matthew Relf – Portfolio Holder for Place, Planning and Regeneration

- Work well underway to purchase vacant High Street properties as part of the Towns Fund programme
- The imminent opening of the new Moor Market at Kirkby in Ashfield
- Proposals for walking and cycling improvements within Ashfield
- Creation of a Centre of Excellence for disabled people in Sport and Theatre, at Portland College

- The recent award of £62.6 million for investment in Kirkby and Sutton Town Centre with 17 projects being included in the business plan
- Members' meeting arranged to discuss further ideas for Towns Fund investment
- The Discover Ashfield Board continued to meet monthly with the Graduate Officer doing an excellent job supporting the Members
- Work continuing on the Railways Bid for the Maid Marion Line.

Councillor Daniel Williamson - Portfolio Holder for Customer Services, Corporate Change and Digital Transformation

- The Risk and Emergency Planning Team continued to work hard to keep the Council safe following relaxation of the Covid distancing rules
- Improvements continued to be made to the Council's online payment facilities with the provision of a user-friendly website
- 60,000 online payments made in 2020/21 which showed a 16% increase on the previous year resulting in a 23% reduction in pay point and post office transactions
- Digital transformation was continuing with the Office 365 rollout to employees and installation of a new telephone system resulting in a £37,000 saving
- Work was now focussing on improvements to the Central Customer Portal.

Councillor Kier Barsby - Portfolio Holder for Environmental Improvements, Corporate Communications and Cross Portfolio Support

- Democratic Services and Scrutiny were now back to normal and facilitating face to face meetings with their Mod.Gov office software being upgraded and shifted to a cloud-based system
- Members were due to have their iPads updated to facilitate the new improvements
- The Legal Team were busy with Community Safety enforcement work and Freedom of Information requests were still being processed at a high level
- Elections were currently delivering the 2021 annual canvass and were making preparations for the imminent Polling Places review
- The Communications Team continued to keep the District informed with 97 press releases being sent out and support continuing for the roll out of Covid vaccinations.

Councillor John Wilmott - Portfolio Holder for Licensing, Environmental Health and Regulatory Services

- The Licensing Team were currently facilitating a 28 day consultation for amendment to taxi fees and charges
- Licensing applications continued to increase and digital upgrades were underway to enable applications for licences to be completed online
- The Environmental Health Team were busy dealing with 2,346 requests from members of the public and local businesses and 163 food premises registrations had been completed
- There had been a recent increase in illegal encampments within the District
- A Selective Licensing review was due to be undertaken within the next few months.

Councillor Helen-Ann Smith - Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Crime Reduction

- Enforcement action continued at pace with a 6% overall reduction in crime within the District
- Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) were now being issued daily
- The success of the recent Operation Springboard in conjunction with the Police
- £550K to be invested in 'Safer Streets'
- Community safety training within schools was developing and healthy relationships were being formed.

Councillor Jason Zadrozny – Leader of the Council

- Reopening of Leisure Centres in April 2021
- Proposed capital improvements to the Lammas and Hucknall Leisure Centres
- Progress in relation to the Kirkby Leisure Centre build by Keir Contractors and their arranged activity days and community events including local school visits to site and learn to brick lay days
- Progress regarding the Council's Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- The Council's gold award achievement for the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme
- Additional funding for the 'Feelgood Families' Scheme of £10,000

- Open Air Cinema events.

C.28 Notice of Motion 1

The Council received a notice of motion moved by Councillor Keir Morrison and seconded by Councillor Lauren Mitchell as follows:-

“On the 29th of April 2021 the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee published their investigation into the surplus sharing arrangements between the UK Government and the Mineworkers Pension Scheme.

Since privatisation of the Mineworkers’ Pension Scheme in 1994, the Government has received 50% of surpluses in the Scheme’s value, in return for providing a guarantee that the value of pensions will not decrease. At the time it was expected that the Government would receive approximately £4bn from the arrangement in today’s money. However, to date, the Government has received £4.4bn, and is also due to receive at least another £1.9bn, on top of 50% off any future surpluses. The Government has not paid any funds into the Scheme in return. The Government failed to conduct due diligence during the 1994 negotiations and was negligent by not taking actuarial advice. There was no empirical analysis or evaluation to inform or support the 50:50 split, and it therefore remains arbitrary.

Tens of thousands of former mineworkers and their families reside within our district. Ashfield District Council support their calls for the Government to take seriously and act on the following findings of the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee:

- *The Government should relinquish its entitlement to the Investment Reserve and transfer the £1.2bn fund to the Mineworkers’ Pension Fund.*
- *The Governments should not be in the business of profiting from mineworkers’ pensions. We are therefore disappointed by the Government’s argument that the 1994 agreement is a success because the public purse has had strong returns from it. The Government is not a corporate entity driven by profit-motives and should not view the miners’ pensions as an opportunity to derive income.*
- *The Government’s entitlement to 50% of surpluses is not proportionate to the degree of financial risk it actually faces and therefore should not take any further surpluses out of the scheme until such a time that the Government has supported losses to the scheme equalling that that they have already taken out of the scheme.*
- *The Government has potentially accrued £6.3bn from the Mineworker’s Pension Scheme and should use this windfall to cover any future losses to the scheme. In supporting these findings Ashfield District Council will write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer asking him to act immediately to the findings of the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee and implement their recommendations.”*

Councillor David Hennigan moved an amendment to the motion (shown in italics), seconded by Councillor John Baird as follows:-

"Ashfield District Council notes the historical contribution that mining has played across Ashfield.

Annesley, Bentinck, Bottom Pit, Hucknall, Top Pit Hucknall, Summit, Linby, Newstead, Silverhill and Sutton and other local collieries played a pivotal part in shaping the Ashfield District.

Nottinghamshire was a major supplier of coal for industry and home consumption, particularly during the 19th and 20th century. At one time, Nottinghamshire, with 40,000 miners was one of the most successful coalfields in Europe.

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- The Government's entitlement to 50% of surpluses is not proportionate to the degree of financial risk it actually faces and therefore should not take any further surpluses out of the scheme until such a time that the Government has supported losses to the scheme equalling that that they have already taken out of the scheme.

- The Government has potentially accrued £6.3bn from the Mineworker's Pension Scheme and should use this windfall to cover any future losses to the scheme. ~~*In supporting these findings Ashfield District Council will write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer asking him to act immediately to the findings of the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee and implement their recommendations."*~~

We therefore ask for a letter to be sent from the 3 party leaders on Ashfield District Council on behalf of all councillors to all Nottinghamshire's Members of Parliament and to the Chancellor of the Exchequer – The Rt. Hon. Rishi Sunak MP stating that Ashfield District Council believes that:

- 1. The Government should implement immediately the full findings and conclusions of the BEIS Select Committee's investigation into the Mineworker's Pension Scheme.*
- 2. That Government should not be in the business of making money from the Mineworker's Pension Scheme and should now hand back the £1.2 billion from the investment reserve fund to the miners and their families.*
- 3. That Government should now seek to negotiate a fairer arrangement to benefit the miners and should not be seen to profiteering and should only take money from the scheme if it falls into deficit and then only at 50%."*

Councillors Keir Morrison and Lauren Mitchell (as the mover and seconder of the motion) having considered the amendment, duly agreed to its inclusion in the motion.

Having been fully considered, the amended motion was put to the vote and it was

RESOLVED

that a letter be sent from the 3 party leaders of Ashfield District Council, on behalf of all Councillors, to all Nottinghamshire's Members of Parliament and to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, The Rt. Hon. Rishi Sunak MP stating that Ashfield District Council believes that:

- a) the Government should implement immediately the full findings and conclusions of the BEIS Select Committee's investigation into the Mineworker's Pension Scheme.
- b) that Government should not be in the business of making money from the Mineworker's Pension Scheme and should now hand back the £1.2 billion from the investment reserve fund to the miners and their families.
- c) that Government should now seek to negotiate a fairer arrangement to benefit the miners and should not be seen to profiteering and should only take money from the scheme if it falls into deficit and then only at 50%.

C.29 Notice of Motion 2

The Council received a notice of motion moved by Councillor David Martin and seconded by Councillor Helen-Ann Smith as follows:-

"Ashfield District Council notes that the Government is currently consulting on increasing the free prescription age to 66 and that of thousands of residents in Nottinghamshire aged 60-65 will be adversely impacted.

This Council further notes that residents aged between 60 and 65 receive free prescriptions when they turn 60 in England, whereas the State Pension Age is now 66.

This Council also notes the comments made by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) who said it was "deeply concerned" by the plan - and warned it could leave people without the important medications that they need.

This Council acknowledges that according to the Institute for Fiscal Studies - among older workers, 37% reported that their household income was now lower because of the impact of successive coronavirus lockdowns. These are the very residents who will be impacted if the age for free prescriptions is raised.

This Council therefore resolves to write a formal submission to the consultation opposing any plans to raise to free prescription age to 66. This Council further resolves to send a letter to Secretary of State for Health and Social Care - The Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP from the leaders of Ashfield District Council formally opposing these plans on behalf of all councillors."

Having been fully considered, the motion was put to the vote and it was

RESOLVED that

- a) the Council writes a formal submission to the consultation opposing any plans to raise the free prescription age to 66;
- b) a letter be sent to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, The Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP, from the Leaders of Ashfield District Council formally opposing these plans on behalf of all Councillors.

C.30 Notice of Motion 3

The Council received a notice of motion moved by Councillor Matthew Relf and seconded by Councillor David Shaw as follows:-

"Ashfield District Council notes the Government's White Paper 'Planning for the Future: planning policy changes in England in 2020 and future reforms'

This Council believes that proposals made in this Planning Bill would make the biggest changes to the planning in decades, to increase the speed with which developers can start building on land but at the expense of valuable local scrutiny and would substantially repeal safeguards in the 1947 Town and Country Planning Act.

The legislation was outlined at the Queen's Speech in May, with detailed plans expected to be published later this year.

Much of the rhetoric from the government surrounding these proposed changes has painted the current planning system as a blocker to progress. This council does not recognise this depiction of the planning system. This council believes that while improvements can always be found, the current planning system does well at balancing the requirement for new developments with the need for those new developments to not detrimentally impact existing residents.

This Council believes the outlined proposals set out in the White Paper would:

- Curtail the ability of Ashfield residents to comment on individual applications.*
- Lead to a planning 'free for all' with developers able to prioritise profit above all other concerns.*
- Remove the power of local councillors to make planning decisions on behalf of the residents who elected them.*
- Abandon section 106 and community infrastructure levy payments and replace them with a national levy that will favour affluent areas of the UK and leave places like Ashfield further behind.*
- Remove the statutory requirement for local authorities to publish planning notices in local newspapers – thus eroding transparency.*
- Offers nothing to deal with the affordable housing crisis.*
- Would increase the housing targets for Nottinghamshire by 48%.*

Our Council believes planning works best when developers and the local community work together to shape the District of Ashfield and deliver necessary new homes. We therefore call on the Government to protect the right of residents, communities and councillors to object to individual planning applications.

That the Leader of Ashfield District Council writes to the MPs for Ashfield and Sherwood – Lee Anderson and Mark Spencer on behalf of all councillors asking for a commitment to voting against this bill when it comes before the House, to issue a public statement opposing the bill and for a guarantee that they will use any influence they have to persuade their colleagues in the House of Commons to do the same.”

Having been fully considered, the motion was put to the vote and it was

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that the Leader of Ashfield District Council writes to the MPs for Ashfield and Sherwood, Lee Anderson and Mark Spencer, on behalf of all councillors asking for a commitment to voting against this bill when it comes before the House, to issue a public statement opposing the bill and for a guarantee that they will use any influence they have to persuade their colleagues in the House of Commons to do the same.

C.31 Notice of Motion 4

The Council received a notice of motion moved by Councillor Samantha Deakin and seconded by Councillor Jason Zadrozny as follows:-

"This Council notes the catastrophic problems caused by Severn Trent Water for residents in Kirkby-in-Ashfield and Sutton-in-Ashfield. Thousands of residents were left without water on Sunday 18 July, Monday 19 July and Tuesday 20 July this year. These were the hottest days of the year with temperatures reaching 91.4 degrees Fahrenheit in parts of Kirkby and Sutton.

This Council recognises that this is the second time in just 15 months that thousands of residents in the Ashfield District have been left without water.

This Council believes that lives were put in danger by the failures of Severn Trent Water and thanks residents including councillors for helping with the relief effort – delivering water to the elderly, young families, those isolating and other vulnerable residents.

This Council further notes the monopoly that Severn Trent have on providing water services to domestic households in the Ashfield District and calls on the Government to review this.

This Council therefore agrees to write to the Chief Executive of Severn Trent Water asking for a full investigation that is published online, for an assurance that Severn Trent Water will take all appropriate action to ensure that this never happens again, for a review of emergency processes for residents whose water supply fails and invites her to the next State of Ashfield debate to answer questions from members and local residents about the continual failure of Severn Trent Ltd."

Having been fully considered, the motion was put to the vote and it was

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that the Council agrees to write to the Chief Executive of Severn Trent Water asking for a full investigation that is published online, for an assurance that Severn Trent Water will take all appropriate action to ensure that this never happens again, for a review of emergency processes for residents whose water supply fails and to invite her to the next State of Ashfield debate to answer questions from Members and local residents about the continual failure of Severn Trent Ltd.

C.32 Questions received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13

Question from Councillor Keir Morrison to the Leader of the Council:

"Will ADC formally recognise the change petition that's been signed by almost 6,000 Ashfield residents (at 13/7/21) to retract Hucknall Sports FC's eviction notice from the Papplewick Green playing fields, in line with the council's petition scheme policy?"

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Jason Zadrozny, responded and advised that Ashfield District Council did not accept Change.org petitions as it did not comply with the Council's approved Petition Scheme requirements. Petitions submitted through Change.org provided no evidence that people signing the petition lived, worked or studied in Ashfield. The e-Petitions submitted through the Council's website required a name, address and email address of those signing the petition.

The Council reviewed its petition scheme in February last year to provide reassurance regarding the validity of petitions and ensuring that those petitions being considered were done so by the Council with the reassurance that they were the views of Ashfield constituents and not of those people who did not live, work or study in Ashfield. Change.org did not provide this reassurance.

The Scheme was very clear that only e-Petitions submitted through the Council's website would be considered and the Council's e-Petition function was readily available through the Council's website and was easy to use.

However, there was also an additional point to consider regarding the fact that the Council would not consider petitions that were factually inaccurate. An eviction notice was never handed to Hucknall Sports and as people would have seen in the press, Hucknall Sports confirmed that they had been offered not only their preferred times and site of Papplewick Green but sites at the Merlin pitch and Titchfield Park as well which they had decided to take up. They opted themselves not to take the Papplewick Green site which was the cause of the original issue.

The Leader went on to state that he was personally willing to accept the petition to ascertain if there was a way of contacting back the people who raised concerns and to try to allay their fears. The primary aim of everything the Council does was simply getting people playing sports including football and particularly for young people and for disabled youngsters.

Councillor Morrison would recognise that events had taken place since he submitted the question and that Hucknall Sports had submitted their own statements which reiterated this.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.5, Councillor Morrison was invited to ask a supplementary question as follows:

"The Leader is quite right that events have developed since submitting the question although I have got a supplementary question that I hope he can answer.

Given that Hucknall Sports have appeared to concede in leaving Papplewick Green playing field, can the Leader explain when the lease agreement was made with Sports Gateway, by whom and why no consultation with the Club or due diligence was carried out beforehand?"

The Leader responded again by stating that there wasn't a lease agreement that had been signed and he had recently met with Sports Gateway and Hucknall Sports and various senior officers where this was again confirmed.

It was hoped that when a lease agreement was signed it would be for a long term period and offered on the open market. Conversations had been held with Hucknall Sports as to how they would bid for this (amongst others) and it is anticipated that this would be in the next 12 months after the current football season had concluded.

He hoped that the answer had clarified things for Councillor Morrison but if not, he was happy for Theresa Hodgkinson to speak to him regarding the actual timeline of events rather than the misinformation that had been circulating for some time.

Hucknall Sports were advised that once the bidding process began for the lease, the process would be open and transparent and many other clubs and interested parties would be invited to bid as many had already indicated that they would like to use the site.

The Leader reiterated the fact that he had been disappointed with the 'machismo' and egos that had surfaced during these meetings (with no clubs being faultless in this matter) and it was imperative that all the clubs worked together in the future to ensure as many people as possible were utilising the pitches and playing sports.

Sport was not just about the next famous athlete, it was about improving health, camaraderie, community and wellbeing for all residents of Ashfield. The Council had also made it clear that unless the clubs were prepared to work together as part of a community, the Council would not wish to work with them.

Council officers had been given permission to share details of the discussions so far, in relation to this matter, with any Member that were interested as the Council had nothing to hide and it would ensure that everyone had the facts rather than misinformation and untruths.

It was believed that negotiations would start up again once the current sports seasons were over and the long-term aim of the Council was to ensure that all available pitches were used as much as possible to allow people of all ages to engage with sport and improve their wellbeing.

C.33 Questions received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.2 - In relation to Cabinet and Committee Meeting Minutes published since the last ordinary meeting of the Council

There were no questions submitted by Members.

The meeting closed at 11.44 am

Chairman.

Meeting of the Council
23 September 2021
Schedule of Recommendations

N.B.

The Schedule sets out recommendations from the Cabinet and the Council's Committees upon which Council is required to reach a decision. During discussion of these items Council Procedure Rule 16 applies (Rules of Debate). Speeches must be relevant to the item being debated. Speeches do not have to be in the form of, or include a question. Members may speak for up to 5 minutes. The Chairman may allow a further 2 minutes at his/her discretion. A Member may only speak once on a motion but may also speak once on an amendment.

<u>Meeting:</u>	<u>Minute No:</u>	<u>Subject:</u>	<u>Recommendation(s):</u>
Cabinet 20 September 2021	CA.21	<u>Public Spaces Protection Order 2021 Extension & Variation</u>	<p>Council will be recommended to approve the following should Cabinet agree to the recommendation at its meeting on 20 September, 2021:-</p> <p>Recommended that Full Council approves the extension, variation and associated budget for the existing Public Spaces Protection Order as set out in the draft order to commence on 1st October 2021.</p> <p>(Cabinet Report attached at Appendix A)</p>
Cabinet 20 September 2021	CA.24	<u>2021/22 Forecast Outturn for General Fund, Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Capital Programme as at July 2021</u>	<p>Council will be recommended to approve the following should Cabinet agree to the recommendation at its meeting on 20 September, 2021:-</p> <p>To recommend to Council the amendments and the addition of new schemes to the Capital Programme 2021/22 to 2025/26 and the funding of the Capital Programme as set out in Section 7 and Appendix 3 of the Cabinet report.</p> <p>(Cabinet Report attached at Appendix B)</p>

<p>Cabinet 20 September 2021</p>	<p>CA.26</p>	<p><u>Public Open Space and Playing Pitch Strategy Updates</u></p>	<p>Council will be recommended to approve the following should Cabinet agree to the recommendation at its meeting on 20 September, 2021:-</p> <p>Council to approve the mid-point review and update of the Public Open Space Strategy action plan.</p> <p>(Cabinet Report attached at Appendix C)</p>
<p>Cabinet 20 September 2021</p>	<p>CA.27</p>	<p><u>Towns Fund and Future High Streets Fund</u></p>	<p>Council will be recommended to approve the following should Cabinet agree to the recommendation at its meeting on 20 September, 2021:-</p> <p>To recommend that Council accepts the Early Release Towns Fund Capital Funding, including the funding within the Capital Programme and delegates allocation of the funds to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Planning and S151 Officer, in consultation with the Discover Ashfield Board.</p> <p>(Cabinet Report attached at Appendix D)</p>

Report To:	CABINET	Date:	20 SEPTEMBER 2021
Heading:	PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER 2021 EXTENSION & VARIATION		
Portfolio Holder:	CLLR HELEN ANN SMITH, DEPUTY LEADER AND PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CRIME REDUCTION		
Ward/s:	ALL		
Key Decision:	YES		
Subject to Call-In:	YES		

Purpose of Report

Tackling anti-social behaviour and environmental crime are key priorities for the Council, extending the Council's Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for a further 3 years and varying it to include additional prohibitions will contribute to these priorities enabling additional powers for the Council and Police to tackle localised problems.

At its meeting on 29 June 2021, Cabinet approved a 6-week public consultation exercise on proposals to extend the PSPO for a further 3 years and to vary the PSPO to include prohibitions relating to Junction 27 M1 car cruising and to restrict the public right of way on the strip of land between Bentinck Street and Welbeck Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield. Cabinet agreed to receive a further report following the conclusion of the consultation exercise to determine if it was satisfied that the provisions of sections 59 to 65 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (the Act) have been met.

This report presents to Cabinet the outcome of the consultation and invites Cabinet to recommend to Full Council that the PSPO be extended for a further 3 years and is varied to include the specified additional prohibitions.

Recommendation(s)

1. Note that the consultation exercise has been undertaken on the proposed 3 year extension and variation of the Public Spaces Protection Order, and acknowledgement of the consultation responses as outlined in this report which largely support the proposed Order.
2. Recommend that Full Council approves the extension, variation and associated budget for the existing Public Spaces Protection Order as set out in the draft order to commence on 1st October 2021.

Reasons for Recommendation(s)

In line with Section 60, Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, a PSPO may not have effect for a period of more than 3 years unless extended. The existing PSPO enacted on 1 October 2018, relating to a number of dog-related issues, alcohol and urinating will expire on 30 September 2021 unless the PSPO is formally extended following due process.

Evidence has been gathered to support the continued need for the order and public consultation largely supports the Order. Extending the PSPO ensures that the Council and Police can take suitable action including issuing Fixed Penalty Notices for these types of issues.

Alternative Options Considered

That the Council does not extend (and vary) the existing PSPO which would cease on 30 September 2021. The PSPO would need to be formally discharged and published in accordance with regulations made by Secretary of State. This would mean that officers could not continue to take action and may lead to an operational gap in addressing dog fouling, dog control, alcohol related street drinking, urinating in public places or be able to move people on, and addressing localised problems set out within the proposed order. This is not recommended.

The Consultation

Following approval at Cabinet to proceed with the consultation process, an engagement programme was implemented between 12th July and 23rd August 2021.

The main method of engagement was internet-driven using information published on the Council's website where users were invited to complete an online survey.

To ensure the PSPO extension proposal was publicised widely the following was undertaken:

- A press release and posting on social media publicising the proposal to extend and vary the PSPO;
- Raising awareness in town centres where residents were invited to complete surveys;
- Information displayed on noticeboards in the Council's reception; and
- Publication in the local papers Chad (25th June 2021) and Dispatch (14th July 2021).

In accordance with statutory guidelines detailed under Section 72, Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 the Council must undertake consultation with the affected parties.

The Council consulted directly with the statutory consultees including the Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner who both approved the extension and variation of the order.

The Council also notified:

- Annesley Parish Council
- Selston Parish Council
- MP for Ashfield
- MP for Sherwood
- Nottinghamshire County Council Chief Executive and Leader

- Nottinghamshire County Council
- Highways Authority
- Council employees
- District Councillors
- Ashfield Neighbourhood Policing Team
- RSPCA
- Kennel Club
- Probation Service
- Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service
- Change Grow Live
- Ramblers Association

During the consultation period the Council received 128 responses from members of the public via the Council internet link, surveys collected from reception and town centre surgeries. The outcome of the survey is highlighted below:

Question	Yes Responses	No Responses
Do you want the Council to issue fixed penalty notices to people who do not pick up after their dog?	126	2
Do you want the Council to issue fixed penalty notices to people who do not carry a suitable receptacle so they can pick up after their dog?	117	11
Do you want the Council to have authorisation to ask a dog owner to put their dog on a lead when the officer believes the dog is out of control and issue a fixed penalty notice if they don't comply?	119	9
Do you think dogs should be excluded from entering enclosed children's play areas or sporting areas. i.e. tennis courts on parks and issue a fixed penalty notice to the owner if they don't comply?	120	8
Do you think there should be restrictions in place that no more than 6 dogs should be walked at any one time by one person and a fixed penalty notice issued if the owner won't comply?	103	15
Do you think dogs should be on a lead in pedestrian areas including, town centres, pavements and in cemeteries and a fixed penalty notice issued if the owner won't comply?	120	8
Do you think the Council should be able to confiscate alcohol from street drinkers and issue a fixed penalty if they won't hand it over?	125	3

Do you think the Council should be able to issue a fixed penalty notice to someone who urinates or defecates in the street? (excluding young children for instance)	126	2
Do you think the Council should be able to ask someone to leave an area who is causing a nuisance and annoyance and issue a fixed penalty notice if they don't comply?	124	4
Do you think the Council and Police should be provided with additional powers to tackle car cruising within the vicinity of Junction 27?	123	5

Themes that emerged from the consultation were:

- Requests for additional bins across parks, town centres and estates.
- Increased visible signage
- Levels of enforcement
- Amendments to dog control provisions i.e. removal of restrictions
- Extending the scope to cover wider areas i.e. closing of land in additional areas.

Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service, Ashfield Policing Inspector and Probation responded in full support of the extension and variation of the order. A number of agencies did not respond, and two agencies highlighted their reservations on authorising powers to issue Fixed Penalty Notices to residents who do not carry suitable receptacles and who walk more than 6 dogs; however, considering that these powers have been approved previously with no significant concerns highlighted, the Council does not consider this as a justification for removing these powers.

In relation to the proposed closure of the strip of land between Bentinck Street and Welbeck Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield, letters were delivered to every property on both streets notifying them of the draft order. No objections were received, and 21 residents responded supporting the closure of the land due to the difficulties encountered by anti-social behaviour and criminality within the area. Confirmation was also received by the appointed Rights of Way Officer of the Countryside Access Team at Nottinghamshire County Council who did not highlight any objections to the proposal.

Given the outcome of the public consultation detailed above and the evidence provided as part of Cabinet report dated 29th June 2021, it is recommended, in accordance with the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing 2014 Act, that the Council can be satisfied on reasonable grounds that extending the current PSPO is necessary to prevent:

- a) occurrence or recurrence of the activities identified in the PSPO after the expiry of the current PSPO; and
- b) an increase in the frequency or seriousness of those activities after the expiry of the PSPO.

It is also recommended that it is reasonable to vary the PSPO to add new prohibitions to prevent, reduce or reduce the risk of the continuance, occurrence or recurrence of the detrimental effect that those activities specified in the new prohibitions have had, or are likely to have, on the quality of life of those in the locality.

Communications

The draft Order is attached to the report and upon Full Council approval will enable the extension (with variation) of the current PSPO provisions. If approved the Council will undertake a period of publicity and ensure awareness is raised.

Additional appropriate signage and other materials will be purchased and erected across the district to publicise the Order.

Cost:

As highlighted in the previous Cabinet report, a budget will need establishing for the purchase of gates, signage, and general maintenance in relation to the strip of land between Bentinck Street and Welbeck Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield.

Costs have been established for these works as detailed below:

- Publication costs £1,000
- Signage costs £3,000
- Gating costs £5,000
- Ongoing annual maintenance costs £1,000

Total: £10,000

Corporate Plan:

The PSPO will help support place enhancement and the Safer and Stronger priorities within the Council's corporate plan and commitments under the renewed Environmental Charter in order to improve the quality of life for residents within Ashfield. Tools and powers provided as part of the PSPO provisions will assist in enabling an effective response to tackling anti-social behaviour and environmental crime across the District.

Legal:

Section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 ("the Act") provides the authority with the power to make a PSPO if satisfied on reasonable grounds that two conditions are met. Section 60 of the Act provides that a PSPO shall not have effect for longer than 3 years unless extended under this section. Section 61 provides a power to vary a PSPO by increasing or reducing the restricted area; or by altering or removing a prohibition or requirement included in the order, or adding a new one.

Section 72 details the requirements for convention rights, consultation, publicity, and notification. The authority must have taken into account articles 10 and 11 of the Convention, carried out the necessary consultation and publicity and notification before making, extending or varying or discharging a PSPO.

Finance:

Budget Area	Implication
General Fund – Revenue Budget	A one-off budget approval of approximately £10,000 will be required to meet the costs identified, if it cannot be contained within the Directorate Budget and

	maintenance costs of £1,000 per annum thereafter. The additional £1,000 recurrent cost to be included in the refresh of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy.
General Fund – Capital Programme	N/A
Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Budget	N/A
Housing Revenue Account – Capital Programme	N/A

Risk:

Without a PSPO in place, there is a risk that anti-social behaviour could potentially escalate which would have a detrimental impact on the local community.

Given the positive feedback received from both stakeholders and the public about the proposed Order, there is a risk to the reputation of the Council if the Order is not progressed as we may be seen to be disengaged from the needs of the community and not proactively delivering against our commitment to reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.

Human Resources:

No direct implications.

Equalities:

In recommending the proposed PSPO, consideration has also been given to Articles 10 and 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights which provide for the rights of freedom of expression and assembly. The proposals set out for the PSPO are intended to ensure that the anti-social behaviours caused by the activities are addressed so that public spaces can be enjoyed without fear or intimidation by the law-abiding majority of the community.

Other Implications:

The PSPO is seeking to address issues which impact on quality of life and public safety. These issues can affect both the physical and mental wellbeing of residents and therefore these proposals would have a significant impact on community wellbeing.

Communications: a press statement will be published, and social media will be regularly updated on progress.

Reason(s) for Urgency

Not applicable

Reason(s) for Exemption

Not applicable

Background Papers

PSPO 2021 29th June 2021– Cabinet Report
 PSPO 2021 Final Draft Order

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ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014 (the “Act”)

The Public Spaces Protection Order

– Ashfield District Council 2021 (the “Order”)

Ashfield District Council (“the Authority”), being satisfied that:

- (a) activities as described in articles 1-11 below which are carried on 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
- (b) it is likely that activities will be carried on in a public place within that area and that they will have such an effect.

And that the effect, or likely effect, of the activities:

- (a) is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature,
- (b) is, or is likely to be, such as to make the activities unreasonable, and
- (c) justifies the restrictions imposed by this Order.

And that the prohibitions described in articles 1-11 below are reasonable to impose in order—

- (a) to prevent the detrimental effect from continuing, occurring or recurring, or
- (b) to reduce that detrimental effect or to reduce the risk of its continuance, occurrence or recurrence.

And being satisfied on reasonable grounds that extending the period for which The Public Spaces Protection Order – (Ashfield District Council) 2015 (as extended and varied 2018) (the “2018 Order”) has effect is necessary to prevent—

- (a) occurrence or recurrence after that time of the activities identified in the 2018 Order, or
- (b) an increase in the frequency or seriousness of those activities after that time

And pursuant to section 72 of the Act the Authority:

- (a) having had particular regard to the rights of freedom of expression and freedom of assembly set out in articles 10 and 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights and
- (b) having carried out the necessary consultation, notification and publicity

HAS DECIDED TO EXTEND AND VARY the 2018 Order under section 60 and 61 of the Act as follows:

1. The land described in the Schedules to this order (“the Restricted Areas”) being land in the area of the Authority to which the Act applies is land protected by this Order.
2. This Order may be cited as The Public Spaces Protection Order – Ashfield District Council 2021 (the “Order”) and shall come into force on **1st October 2021 and remains in place for a period of 3 years.**

Definitions

In this Order:

“**Alcohol**” has the meaning given by section 191 of the Licensing Act 2003

“**Authorised Officer**” means an employee of the Authority who is authorised in writing by the Authority for the purpose of this Order

“**Authorised Person**” includes an Authorised Officer and a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)

“**Prescribed Charity**” means:

- i. Dogs for the Disabled (registered charity number 700454)
- ii. Support Dogs Ltd (registered charity number 1088281)
- iii. Canine Partners (registered charity number 803680)
- iv. Dog Assistance in Disability (Registered Charity Number 1098619)
- v. Medical Detection Dogs (Registered Charity Number 1124533)

“**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

Offences

1. Prohibition of Alcohol Consumption

- 1.1 This article applies to land specified in Schedule 1 of this Order.
- 1.2 No person shall consume alcohol or have an open container of alcohol in their possession on any land to which this article applies subject to the exemptions referred to at Appendix A below.
- 1.3 Where a constable or an Authorised Person reasonably believes that a person is or has been consuming alcohol in breach of the prohibition in 1.2 above, or intends to consume alcohol in circumstances in which doing so would be a breach of that prohibition, under section 63(2) of the Act the constable or Authorised Person may require the person:
 - (a) not to consume, in breach of the Order, alcohol or anything which the constable or Authorised Person reasonably believes to be alcohol;
 - (b) to surrender anything in the person's possession which is, or which the constable or Authorised Person reasonably believes to be, alcohol or a container for alcohol.
- 1.4 A constable or an Authorised Person who imposes a requirement under section 63(2) of the Act must tell the person that failing without reasonable excuse to comply with the requirement is an offence.
- 1.5 A requirement imposed by an Authorised Person under section 63(2) of the Act is not valid if the Authorised Person is asked by the person to show evidence of his or her authorisation and fails to do so.
- 1.6 A constable or an Authorised Person may dispose of anything surrendered under section 63(2)(b) of the Act in whatever way he or she thinks appropriate.
- 1.7 A person who fails without reasonable excuse to comply with a requirement imposed on him or her under section 63(2) of the Act commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

2. Urinating

- 2.1 This article applies to land specified in Schedule 1 of this Order.
- 2.2 A person commits an offence if they urinate or defecate on any land to which this article applies unless:
 - (a) he has a reasonable excuse for doing so; or
 - (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has expressly consented to his doing so.

2.3 In accordance with section 67 of the Act a person who is guilty of an offence under article 2 shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

3. Direction to Move On

3.1 This article applies to land specified in Schedule 1 of this Order.

3.2 A person commits an offence if they fail to comply immediately with a direction by a constable or an Authorised Person to move on from any location on any land to which this article applies to such distance from that location and for such a time period as specified by the constable or Authorised Person unless:

(a) he has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or

(b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has expressly consented to his failing to do so.

3.3 A constable or an Authorised Person may only give a direction under this article if such direction is reasonably necessary to prevent nuisance or behaviour by a person that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person.

3.4 In accordance with section 67 of the Act a person who is guilty of an offence under article 3 shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

4. Dog Fouling

4.1 This article applies to land specified in Schedule 2 of this Order

4.2 If a dog defecates at any time on any land to which this article applies and a person who is in charge of the dog at that time fails to remove the faeces from the land forthwith, that person shall be guilty of an offence unless—

(a) he has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or

(b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has expressly consented to his failing to do so.

4.3 For the purposes of this article:

(a) A person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog;

(b) placing the faeces in a receptacle on the land which is provided for the purpose, or for the disposal of waste, shall be a sufficient removal from the land;

(c) being unaware of the defecation (whether by reason of not being in the vicinity or otherwise) or not having a device for or other suitable means of removing the faeces shall not be a reasonable excuse for failing to remove the faeces;

4.4 In accordance with section 67 of the Act a person who is guilty of an offence under article 4 shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

5. Failure to produce device or other suitable means of removing dog faeces on demand

5.1 This article applies to land specified in Schedule 2 of this Order.

5.2 If at any time on any land to which this article applies a person who is in charge of a dog at any time fails to produce forthwith a device for or other suitable means of removing dog faeces (whether or not the dog has defecated) when asked to do so by a constable or an Authorised Person, that person shall be guilty of an offence unless:

(a) he has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or

(b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has expressly consented to his failing to do so.

5.3 For the purposes of this article, a person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog.

5.4 In accordance with section 67 of the Act a person who is guilty of an offence under article 5 shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

6. Dog Exclusion

6.1 This article applies to land specified in Schedule 3 of this Order

6.2 A person who is in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time, he takes the dog onto, or permits the dog to enter or to remain on, any land to which this article applies unless—

(a) he has a reasonable excuse for doing so; or

(b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has expressly consented to his doing so.

6.3 For the purposes of this article, a person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog.

6.4 In accordance with section 67 of the Act a person who is guilty of an offence under article 6 shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

7 Dogs on Leads

7.1 This article applies to land specified in Schedule 4 of this order

7.2 A person who is in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time, on any land to which this article applies he does not keep the dog on a lead of not more than five (5) metres in length, unless—

- (a) he has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has expressly consented to his failing to do so.

7.3 For the purposes of this article, a person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog.

7.4 In accordance with section 67 of the Act a person who is guilty of an offence under article 7 shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

8 Dogs on Lead by direction

8.1 This article applies to land specified in Schedule 2 of this Order.

8.2 A person who is in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time, on any land to which this article applies, he does not comply with a direction given to him by a constable or an Authorised Person to put and keep the dog on a lead of not more than five (5) metres in length, unless—

- (a) he has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has expressly consented to his failing to do so.

8.3 For the purposes of this article:

- (a) a person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog
- (b) a constable or an Authorised Person may only give a direction under this article to put and keep a dog on a lead if such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance or behaviour by the dog likely to cause annoyance or

disturbance to any other person on any land to which this article applies or the worrying or disturbance of any animal or bird.

- 8.4 In accordance with section 67 of the Act a person who is guilty of an offence under article 8 shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale

9 Dogs Specified Maximum Amount

- 9.1 This article applies to land specified in the Schedule 2 of this Order.
- 9.2 A person who is in charge of more than one dog shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time, he takes onto any land to which this article applies more than six (6) dogs, unless—
- (a) he has a reasonable excuse for doing so; or
 - (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has expressly consented to his doing so.
- 9.3 For the purposes of this article, a person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog.
- 9.4 In accordance with section 67 of the Act a person who is guilty of an offence under article 9 shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

10 Restricting Access

- 10.1 This Article applies to land specified in Schedule 5 of this Order (“the Restricted Access Highway”).
- 10.2 A person commits an offence if at any time he uses the public right of way on land to which this article applies unless he has a reasonable excuse for doing so.
- 10.3 A barrier or barriers may be installed, operated and maintained at each of the respective ends of the Restricted Access Highway. Ashfield District Council is responsible for maintaining and operating the barrier or barriers.
- 10.4 In accordance with section 67 of the Act a person who is guilty of an offence under article 10 shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

11 Car Cruising

- 11.1 This Article applies to land specified in Schedule 6 of this Order (“Restricted Area Car Cruising Junction 27”).

- 11.2 A person commits an offence if at any time without reasonable excuse he:
- (a) participates in Car Cruising;
 - (b) promotes, organises or publicises Car Cruising (including but not limited to via email, the internet, Facebook, Twitter or similar social media, or any publication or broadcast);
 - (c) attends any meeting either as a vehicle owner, driver, passenger or spectator where a reasonable person would consider that Car Cruising is taking place.
- 11.3 “Car Cruising” is defined as two or more motor vehicles (including motor bikes) being on a highway or a public place where any such vehicle or occupant of such vehicle performs any of the Prohibited Activities.
- 11.4 The “Prohibited Activities” are:
- (a) causing danger or risk of injury to road users (including pedestrians) by speeding or racing;
 - (b) causing damage or risk of damage to property;
 - (c) speeding or racing;
 - (d) performing stunts (including but not limited to performing a doughnuts manoeuvre drifting, skidding, handbrake turns, wheel spinning);
 - (e) sounding horns or playing loud music so as to cause a nuisance;
 - (f) revving of engines so as to cause a nuisance;
 - (g) using foul or abusive language;
 - (h) using threatening, intimidating or anti-social behaviour; or
 - (i) causing obstruction on a public highway or publicly accessible place (whether moving or stationary)
- 11.5 In accordance with section 67 of the Act a person who is guilty of an offence under article 11 shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

Exemptions

Nothing in articles 4, 5 and 6 shall apply to a person who has a disability which affects his sight, hearing, mobility, manual dexterity, physical coordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a prescribed charity and upon which he relies for assistance.

Fixed Penalties

A constable or an Authorised Person may issue a fixed penalty notice to anyone he or she has reason to believe has committed an offence under section 63 or 67 in relation to a public spaces protection order.

EXECUTED AS A DEED by affixing)
THE COMMON SEAL of)
ASHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL)
This day of 2021)
In the presence of :-)

Chairman:

Authorised Officer:

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Appendix A

Section 62 of the Act - Premises etc. to which alcohol prohibition does not apply

(1) A prohibition in a public spaces protection order on consuming alcohol does not apply to—

(a) premises (other than council-operated licensed premises) Authorised by a premises licence to be used for the supply of alcohol;

(b) premises Authorised by a club premises certificate to be used by the club for the supply of alcohol;

(c) a place within the curtilage of premises within paragraph (a) or (b);

(d) premises which by virtue of Part 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 may at the relevant time be used for the supply of alcohol or which, by virtue of that Part, could have been so used within the 30 minutes before that time;

(e) a place where facilities or activities relating to the sale or consumption of alcohol are at the relevant time permitted by virtue of a permission granted under section 115E of the Highways Act 1980 (highway-related uses).

(2) A prohibition in a public spaces protection order on consuming alcohol does not apply to council-operated licensed premises—

(a) when the premises are being used for the supply of alcohol, or

(b) within 30 minutes after the end of a period during which the premises have been used for the supply of alcohol.

(3) In this section—

“club premises certificate” has the meaning given by section 60 of the Licensing Act 2003;

“premises licence” has the meaning given by section 11 of that Act;

“supply of alcohol” has the meaning given by section 14 of that Act.

(4) For the purposes of this section, premises are “council-operated licensed premises” if they are Authorised by a premises licence to be used for the supply of alcohol and—

(a) the licence is held by a local authority in whose area the premises (or part of the premises) are situated, or

(b) the licence is held by another person but the premises are occupied by a local authority or are managed by or on behalf of a local authority.

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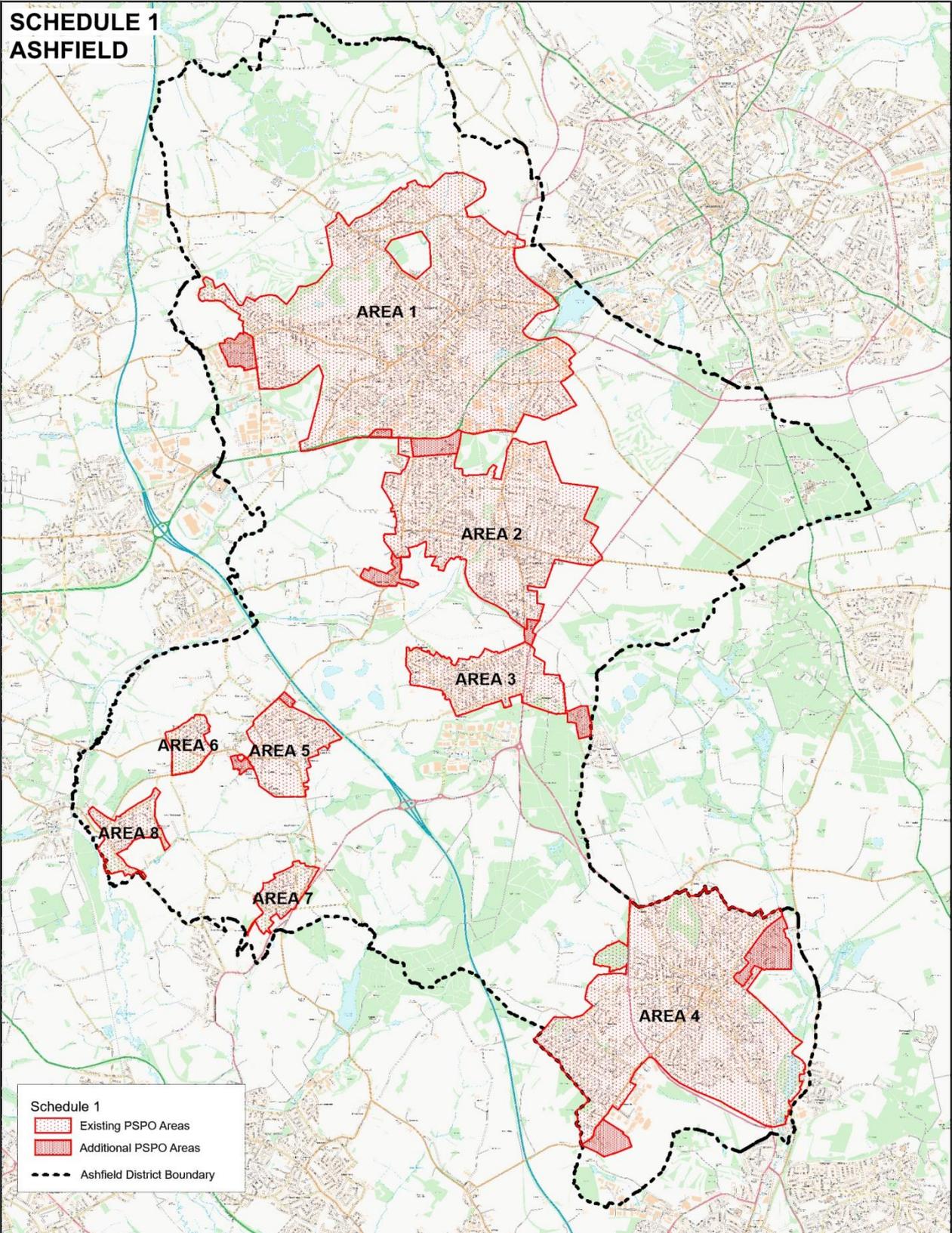
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Schedule 1 – Alcohol Consumption, Urinating, Direction to move on (Prohibitions 1, 2 & 3)

Public spaces within Areas 1-8 (shown edged in red and shaded in red on the plans attached), being Public Places in the Authority's area to which the Act applies.

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**SCHEDULE 1
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Schedule 1
Existing PSPO Areas
Additional PSPO Areas
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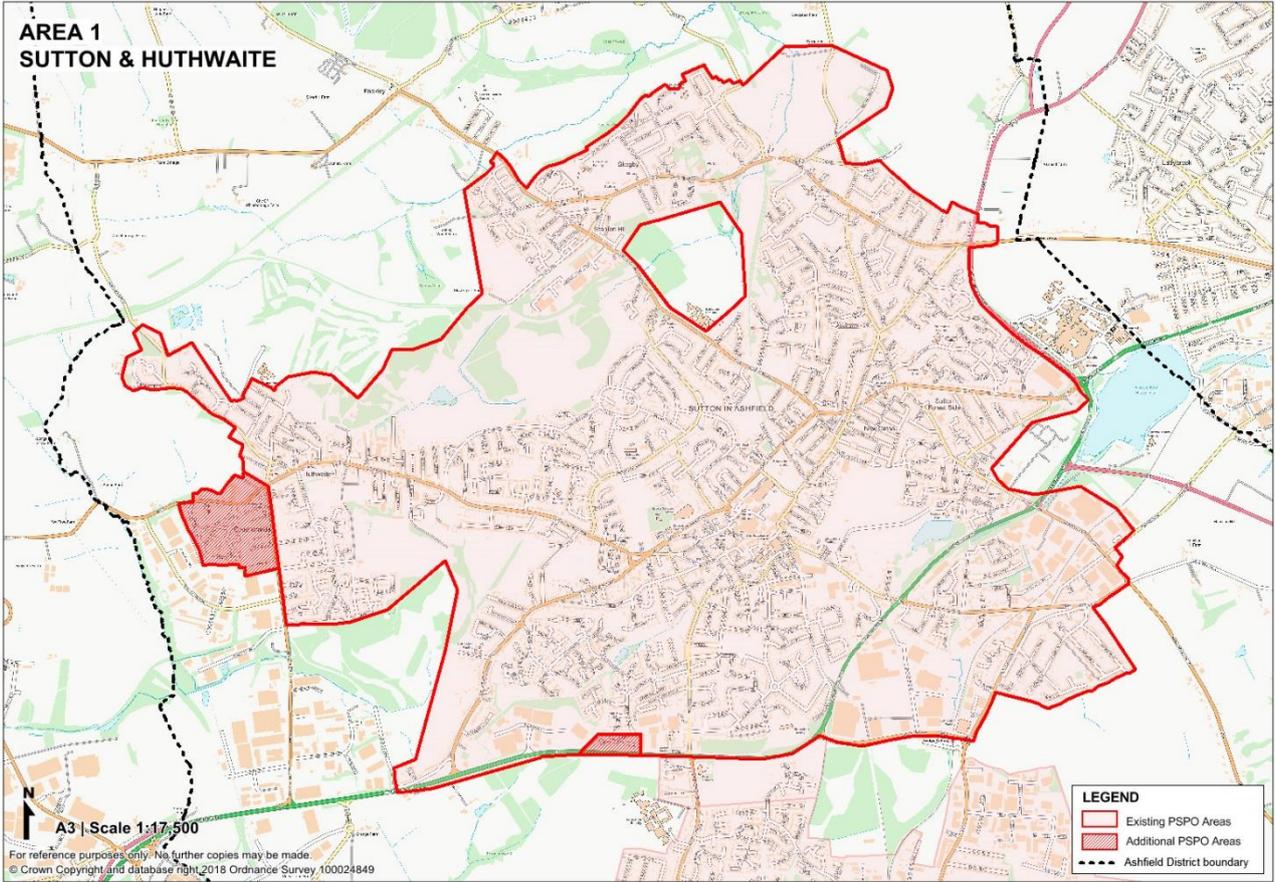
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ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION
URINATING
DIRECTION TO MOVE ON**



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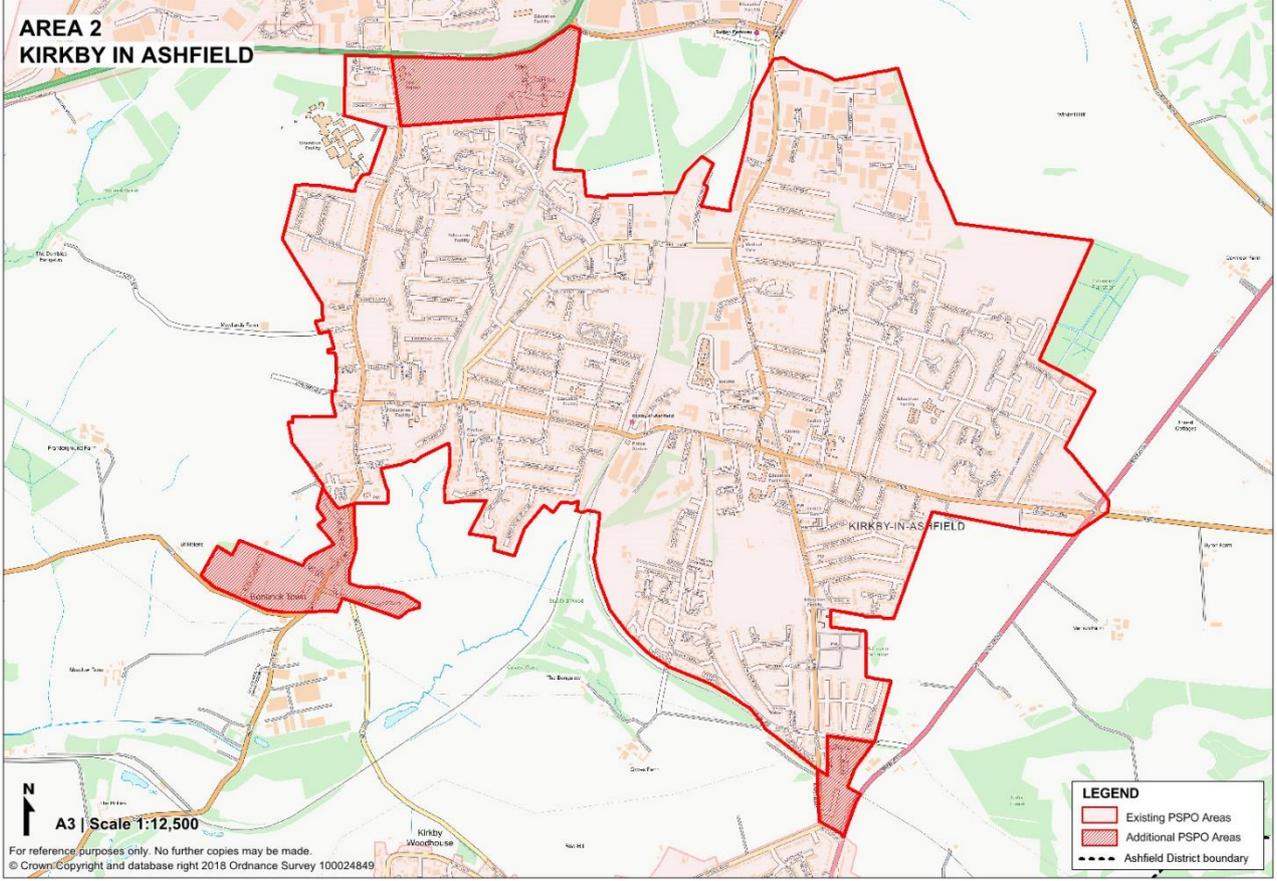
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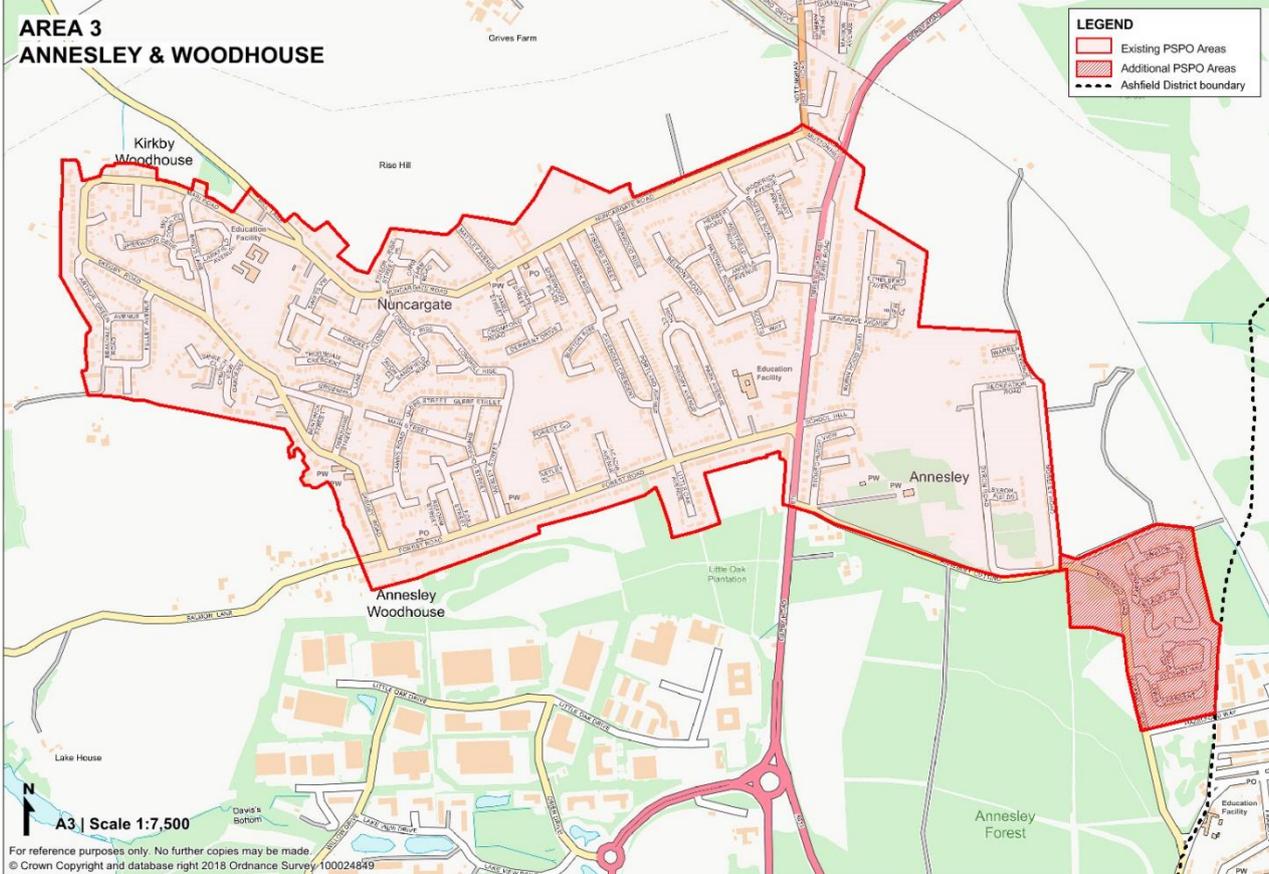
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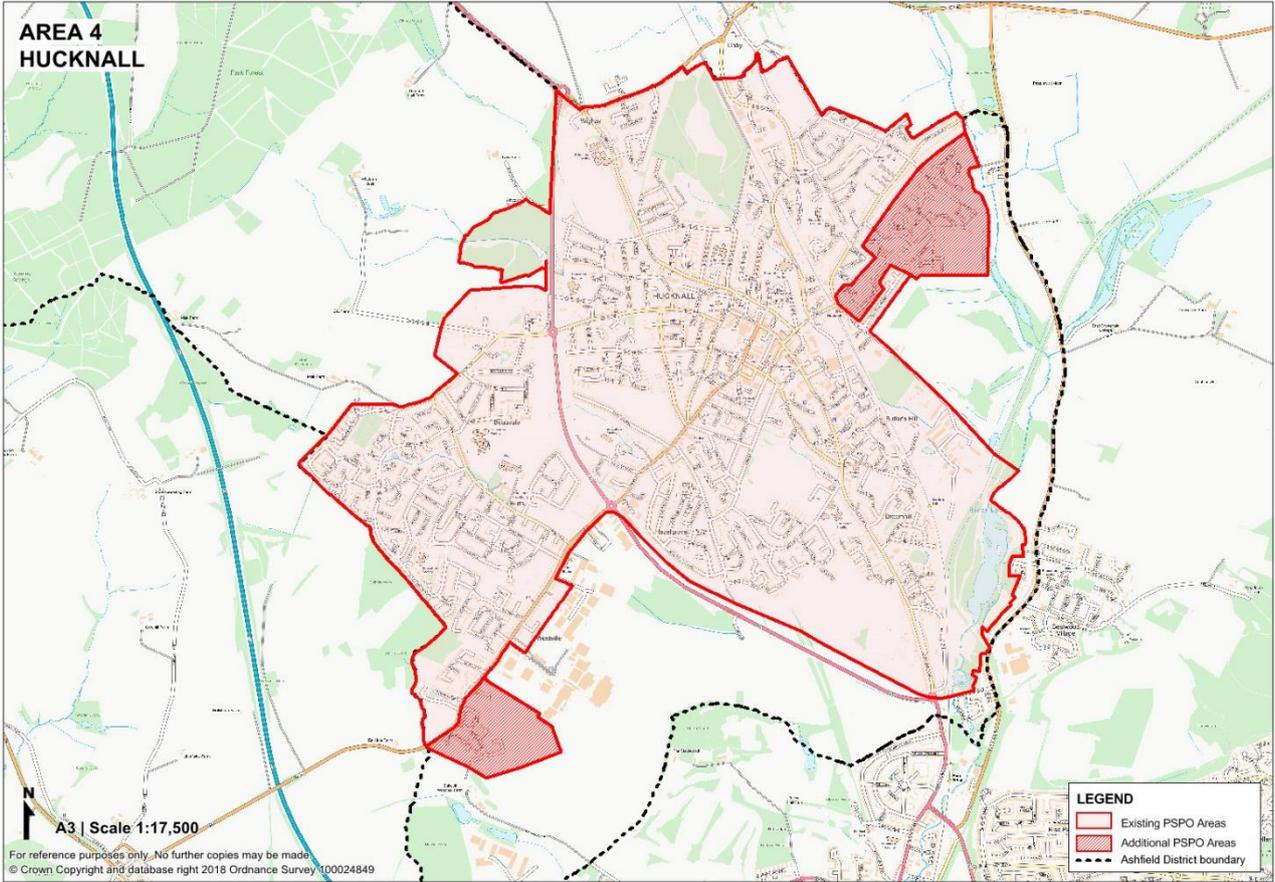


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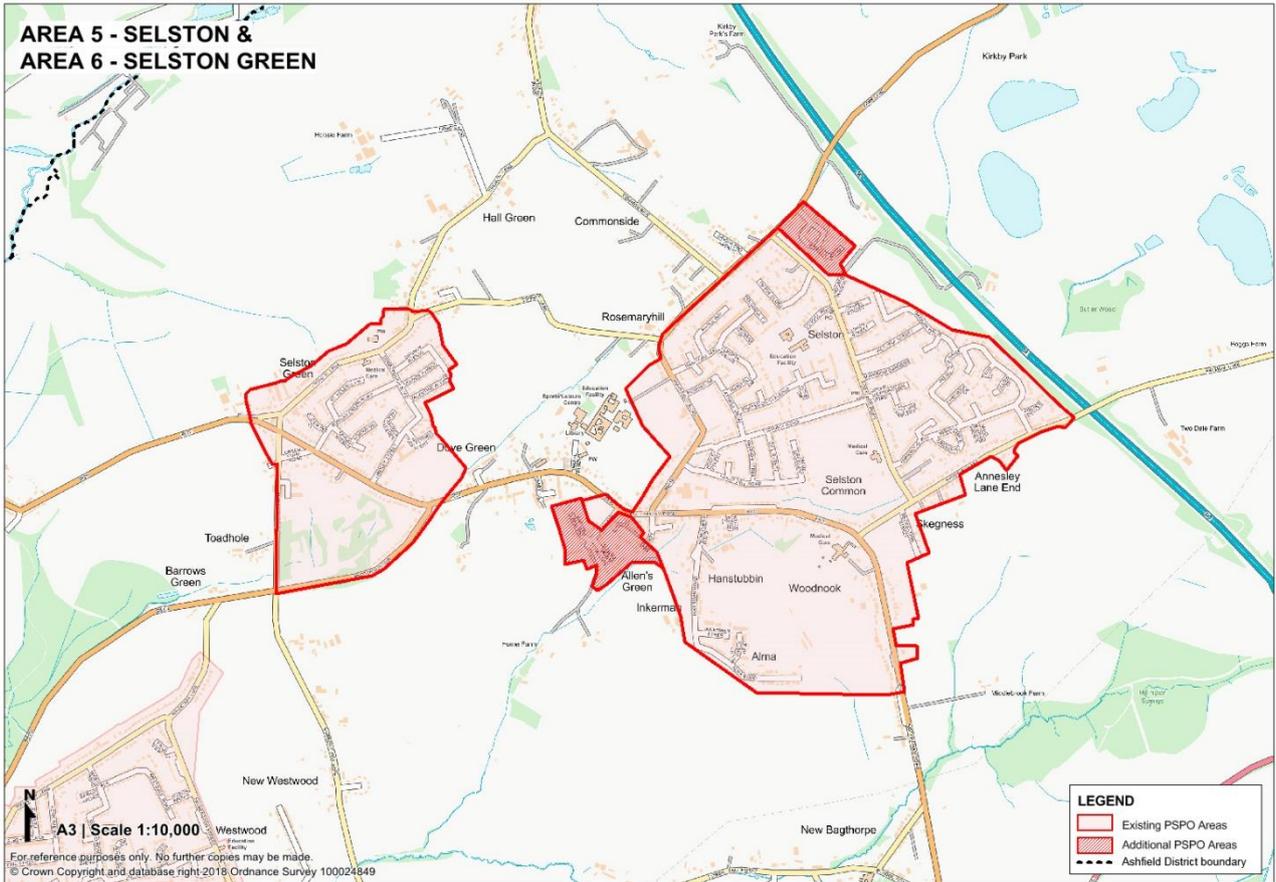


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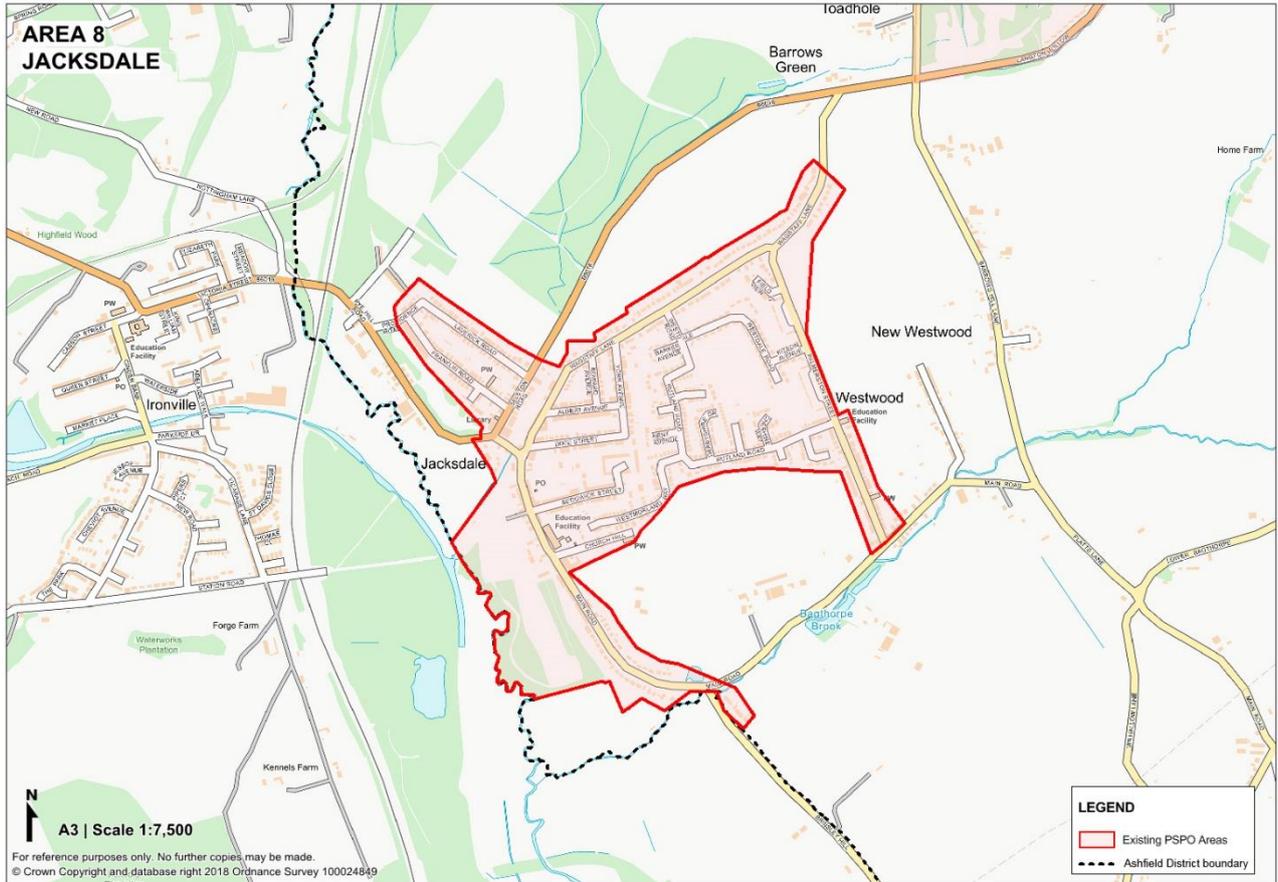


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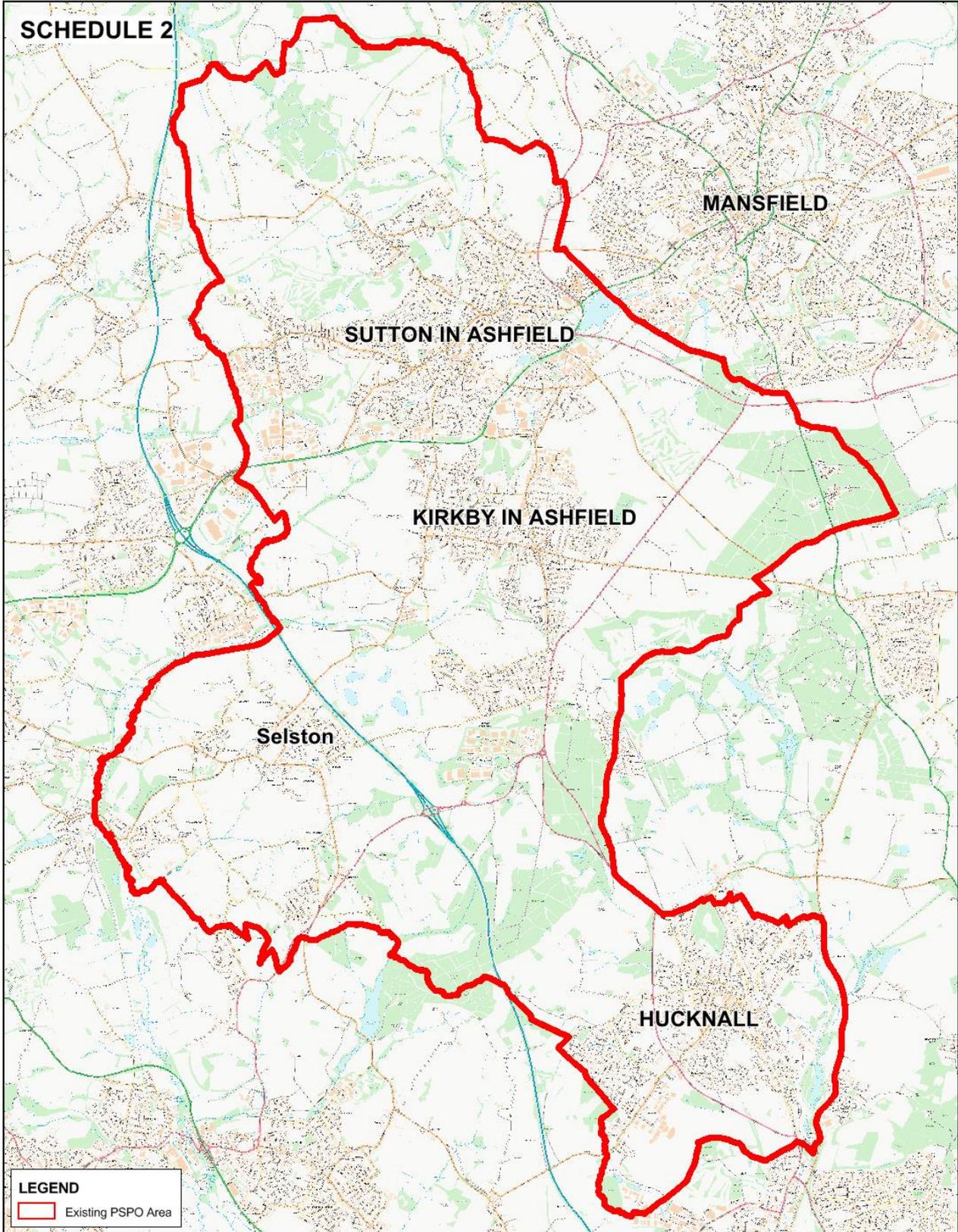
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Schedule 2 – Dog Fouling, Failing to produce a suitable means of removing dog faeces, Dogs on lead by direction, Dogs specified maximum amount (Prohibitions 4, 5, 8, & 9)

1. Subject to the exception in paragraph 2 below, public spaces within the area shown edged in red on the plan attached, being Public Places in the Authority's area to which the Act applies.
2. Excepted from the description in paragraph 1 above is land that is placed at the disposal of the Forestry Commissioners under section 39(1) of the Forestry Act 1967

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SCHEDULE 2
DOG FOULING
FAILURE TO PRODUCE A SUITABLE MEANS OF REMOVING DOG FAECES
DOGS ON LEAD BY DIRECTION
DOGS SPECIFIED MAXIMUM AMOUNT

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Schedule 3 – Dog Exclusion areas (prohibition 6)

Public spaces described in the following Schedule and shown within the areas coloured in red on the plans attached, being Public Places in the Authority's area to which the Act applies, and which is signed at its entrance(s) as a "Dog Exclusion Area" (whether the sign uses those particular words or words and/or symbols having like effect)

Land Designated Specifically:

1. Sutton-in-Ashfield

- 1.1 The children's play area at Stoneyford Road Recreation Ground
- 1.2 The children's play area and multi-use games area at The Oval Recreation Ground
- 1.3 The children's play area at Brierley Country Park, Huthwaite
- 1.4 The children's play area, the tennis courts, the bowling green, the all weather football pitch and the multi-use games area at Sutton Lawn Pleasure Ground
- 1.5 The children's play area and multi-use games area at Cowpasture Lane Recreation Ground
- 1.6 The children's play area at the John Whetton Recreation Ground (Roundhills),
- 1.7 The children's play area at Stamper Crescent Recreation Ground
- 1.8 The children's play area, the multi-use games area, and the fitness area at Healdswood Recreation Ground
- 1.9 The children's play area at Hill Crescent Recreation Ground
- 1.10 The children's play area at Bluebell Wood Way Recreation Ground
- 1.11 The children's play area at Sudbury Drive Recreation Drive
- 1.12 The children's play area at Springwood View Close Recreation Ground (locally known as "the Riley Recreation Ground")
- 1.13 The children's play area, multi-use games area, tennis court, and the bowling green at the Welfare Grounds, Huthwaite, Sutton in Ashfield.

2. Kirkby-in-Ashfield

- 2.1 The children's play area at Mayfield Street Recreation Ground
- 2.2 The children's play area, the all-weather football pitch, the youth area/skate park, and the tennis courts at Kingsway Park
- 2.3 The children's play area, tennis courts, bowling green and additional enclosed area at Titchfield Park
- 2.4 The children's play area at Morvern Park, Welbeck Street
- 2.5 The children's play area, at Beacon Drive Recreation Ground
- 2.6 The children's play area and multi-use games area at Forster Street Recreation Ground (locally known as "West Park")

3. Annesley / Annesley Woodhouse

- 3.1 The children's play area at The Steeples Recreation Ground, Annesley Woodhouse
- 3.2 The children's play area and multi-use games area at Cavendish Crescent Recreation Ground, Annesley Woodhouse (known locally as "Acacia Recreation Ground")
- 3.3 The children's play area at Byron Road Recreation Ground, Annesley
- 3.4 The children's play area at Nuncargate Road Recreation Ground, Annesley Woodhouse

4. Hucknall

- 4.1 The children's play equipment areas, the bowling green, skate park, tennis court, and basketball court at Titchfield Park
- 4.2 The children's play area and basketball ground at Bestwood Road Recreation Ground
- 4.3 The children's play area at the Leisure Centre Recreation Ground, Linby Road
- 4.4 The children's play areas at Nabbs Lane Recreation Ground
- 4.5 The children's play area at Milton Rise Recreation Ground
- 4.6 The children's play area at Snowdrop Close
- 4.7 The children's play area at Washdyke Lane

5. Selston

- 5.1 The children's play area and skate park at Nottingham Road Recreation Ground
- 5.2 The children's play area at Valentine Avenue Recreation Ground
- 5.4 The children's play area at Green Well Park
- 5.5 The children's play area at Green Farm Road Recreation Ground
- 5.5 The children's play area at Jubilee Recreation Ground
- 5.6 The children's play area at New Selston Recreation Ground

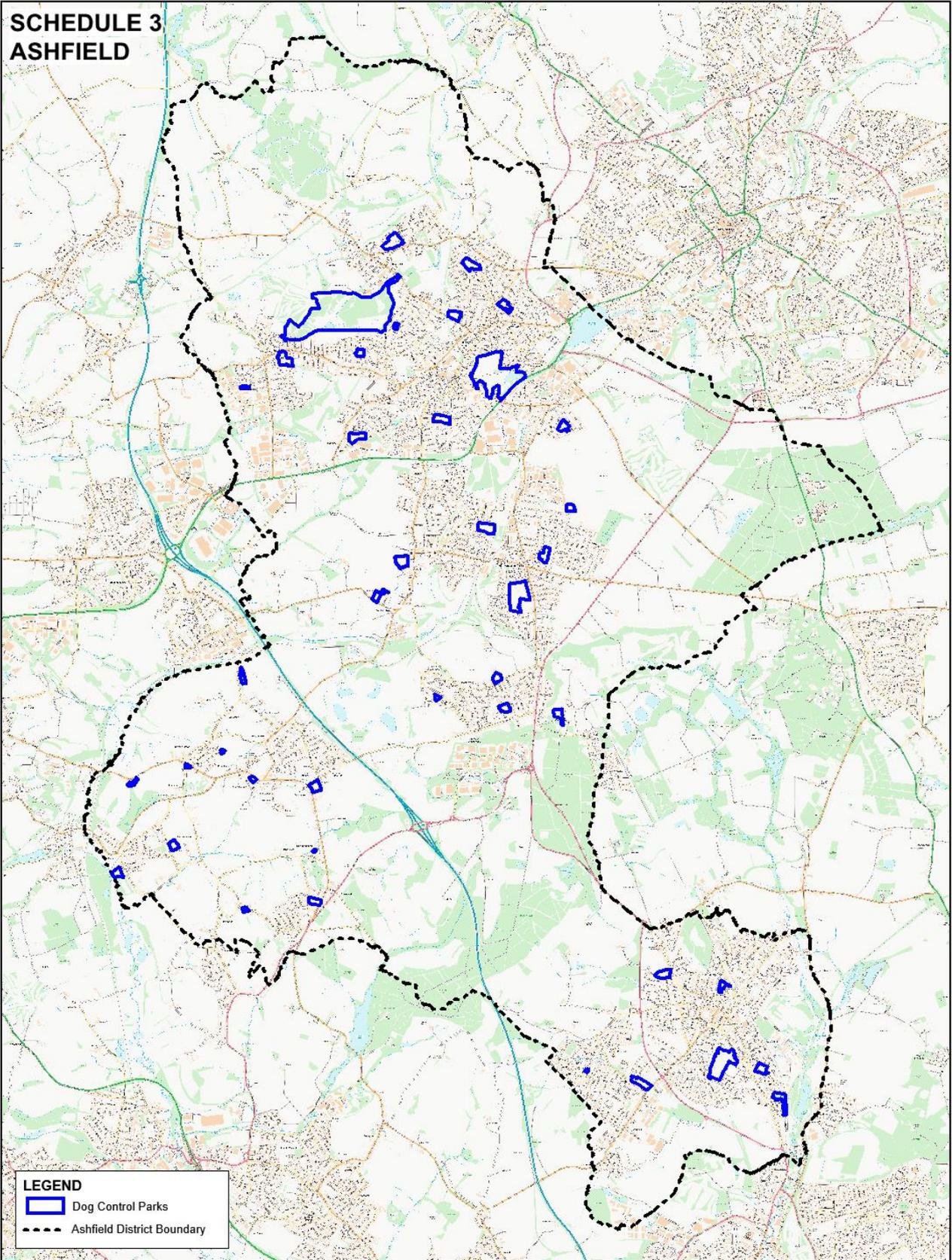
6. Jacksdale

- 6.1 The children's play area at Palmerston Street Recreation Ground, Westwood.
- 6.2 The children's play area and skate park at Main Road Recreation Ground

7. Underwood

- 7.1 The children's play area at Underwood Hill Recreation Ground
- 7.2 The children's play area at Middlebrook Road Recreation Ground
- 7.3 The children's play area at Church Lane Recreation Ground

**SCHEDULE 3
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LEGEND
Dog Control Parks
Ashfield District Boundary

**SCHEDULE 3
DOG EXCLUSION AREAS**

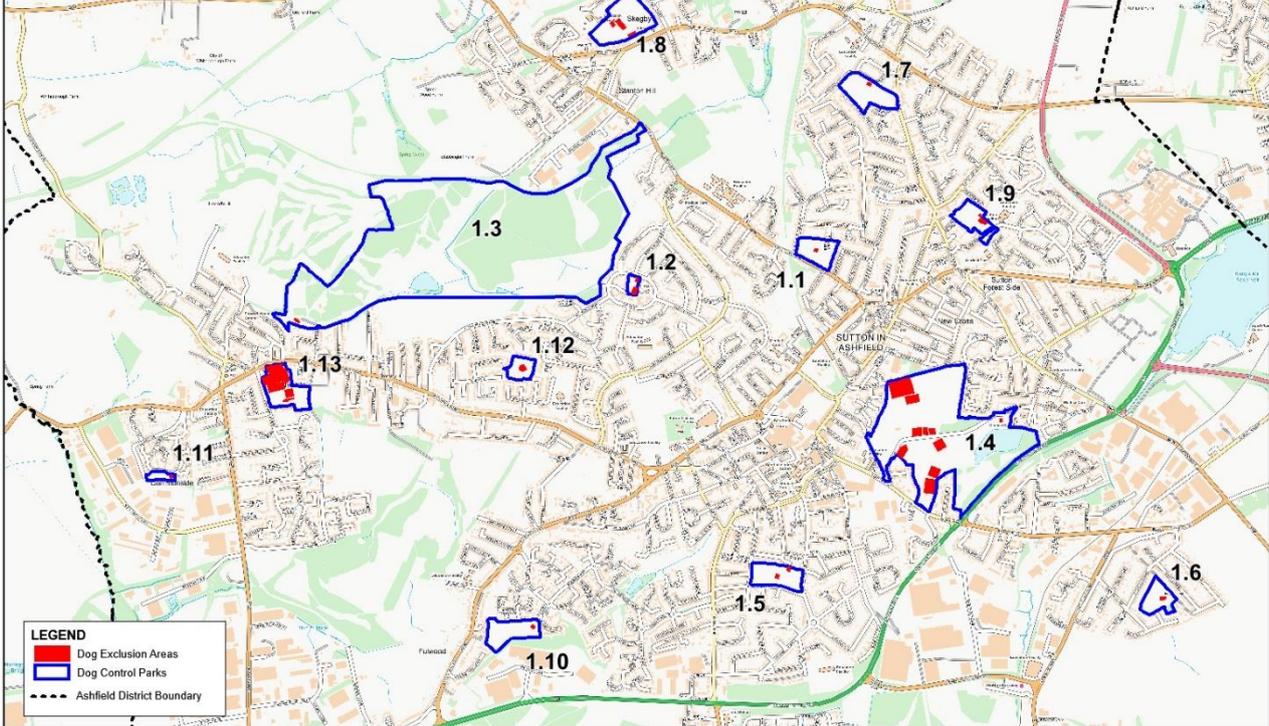
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**SCHEDULE 3
SUTTON IN ASHFIELD**



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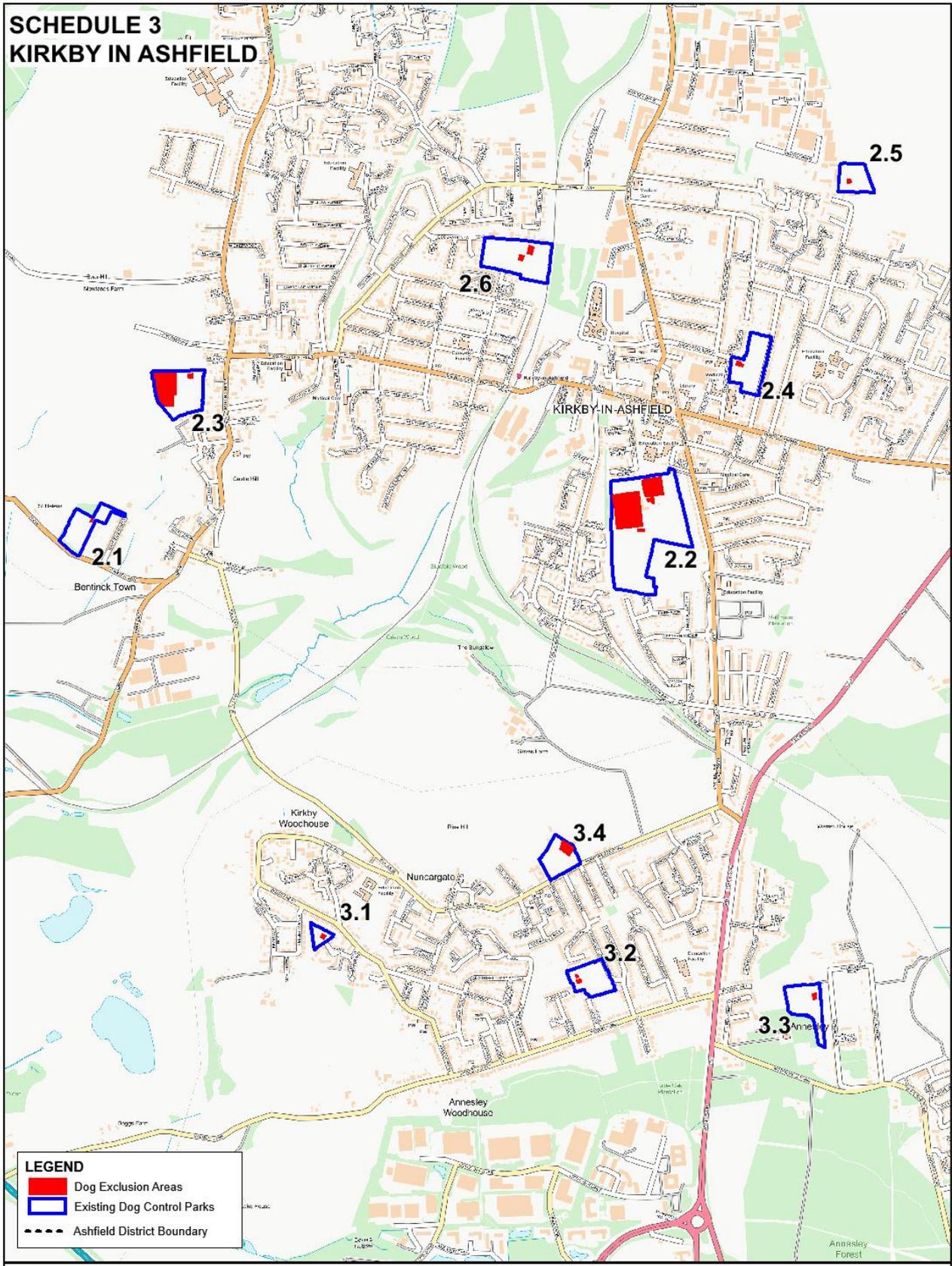


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**SCHEDULE 3
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LEGEND

- Dog Exclusion Areas
- Existing Dog Control Parks
- Ashfield District Boundary

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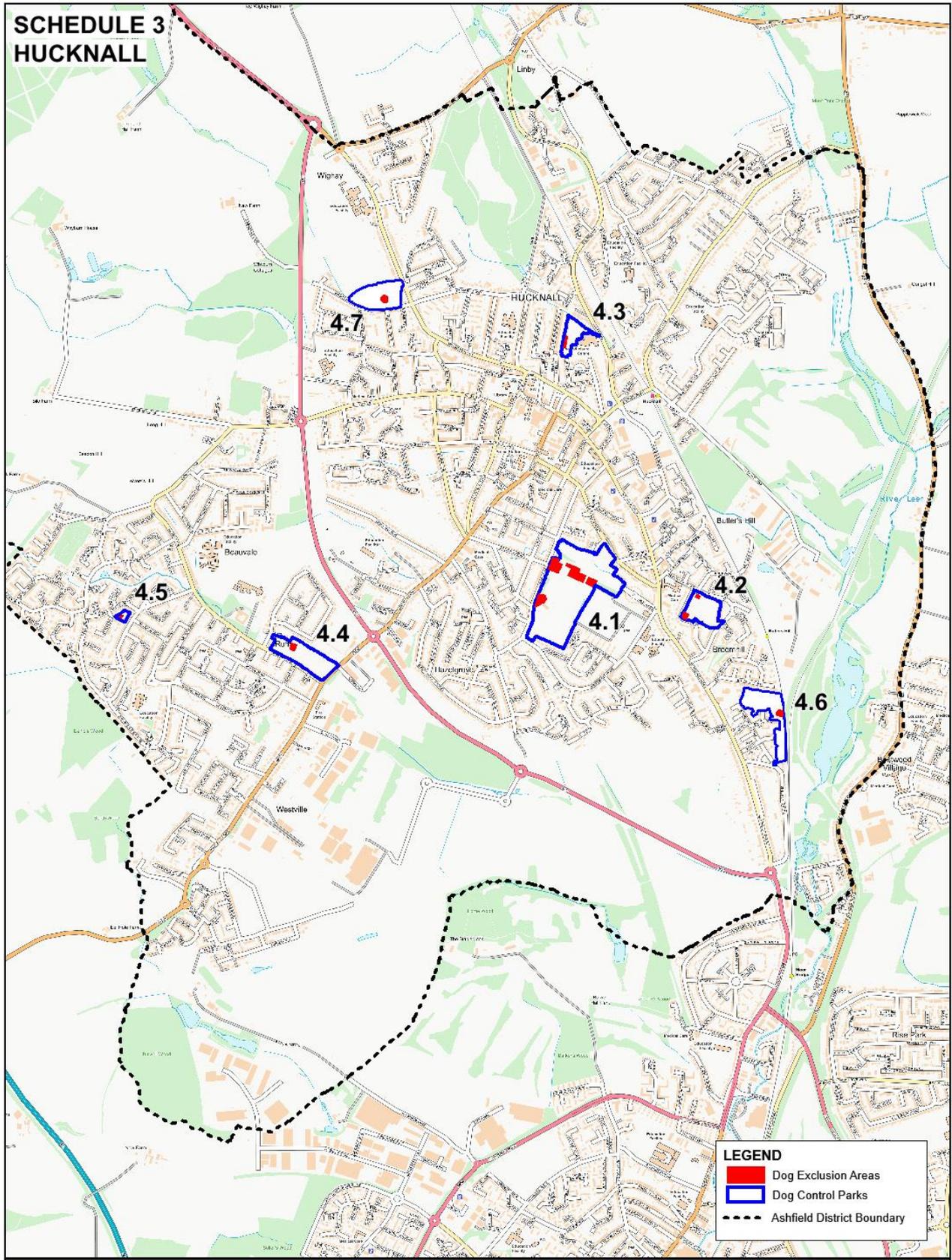
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**SCHEDULE 3
HUCKNALL**



LEGEND

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- Dog Control Parks
- Ashfield District Boundary

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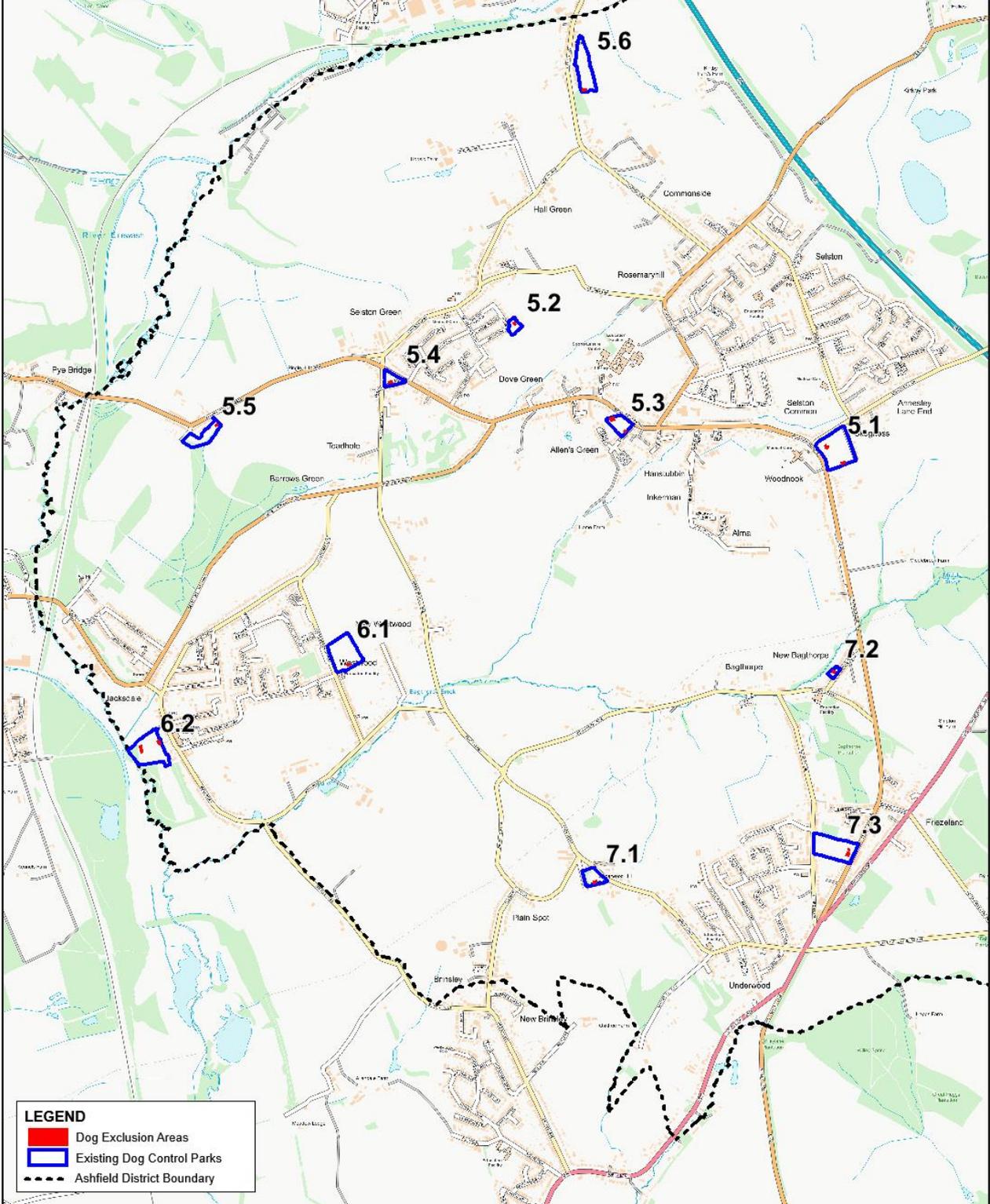
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**SCHEDULE 3
RURAL VILLAGES
(Selston, Jacksdale, Underwood)**



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Schedule 4 – Dogs lead only areas (Prohibition 7)

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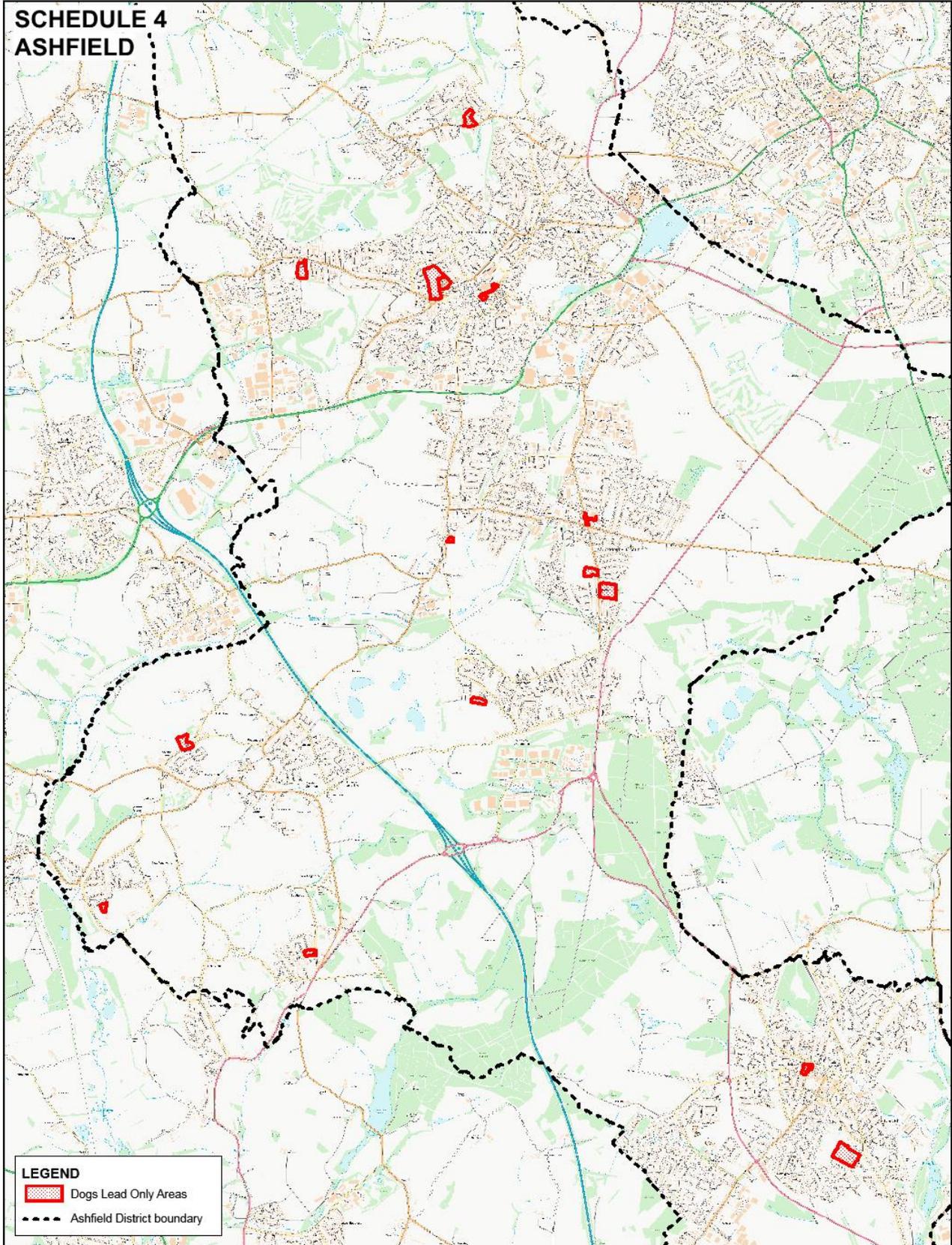
Land Designated Specifically:

1. Each and every length of road (which term includes adjoining pavements, footways and verges) except public footpaths and bridleways

The following areas which are shown edged in red and shaded in red on the plans attached hereto:

2. The following pedestrianised areas: (a) Hucknall Market Place, Hucknall (b) Kirkby Precinct, Kirkby-in-Ashfield (c) Portland Square, Low Street and Sutton Market Place, Sutton-in-Ashfield
3. Cemeteries and churchyards:
 - Hucknall: St Mary Magdalene Church, Hucknall Cemetery
 - Kirkby-in-Ashfield: St Wilfrids Church, Kingsway Old Cemetery, Kingsway New Cemetery, Annesley Woodhouse Cemetery
 - Sutton-in-Ashfield: St Andrews Church, St Mary Magdalenes Church, Sutton Cemetery, Huthwaite Cemetery
 - Rural Villages (Selston, Jacksdale and Underwood): St Helens Church, St Marys Church, St Michaels and All Angels Church

**SCHEDULE 4
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LEGEND

-  Dogs Lead Only Areas
-  Ashfield District boundary

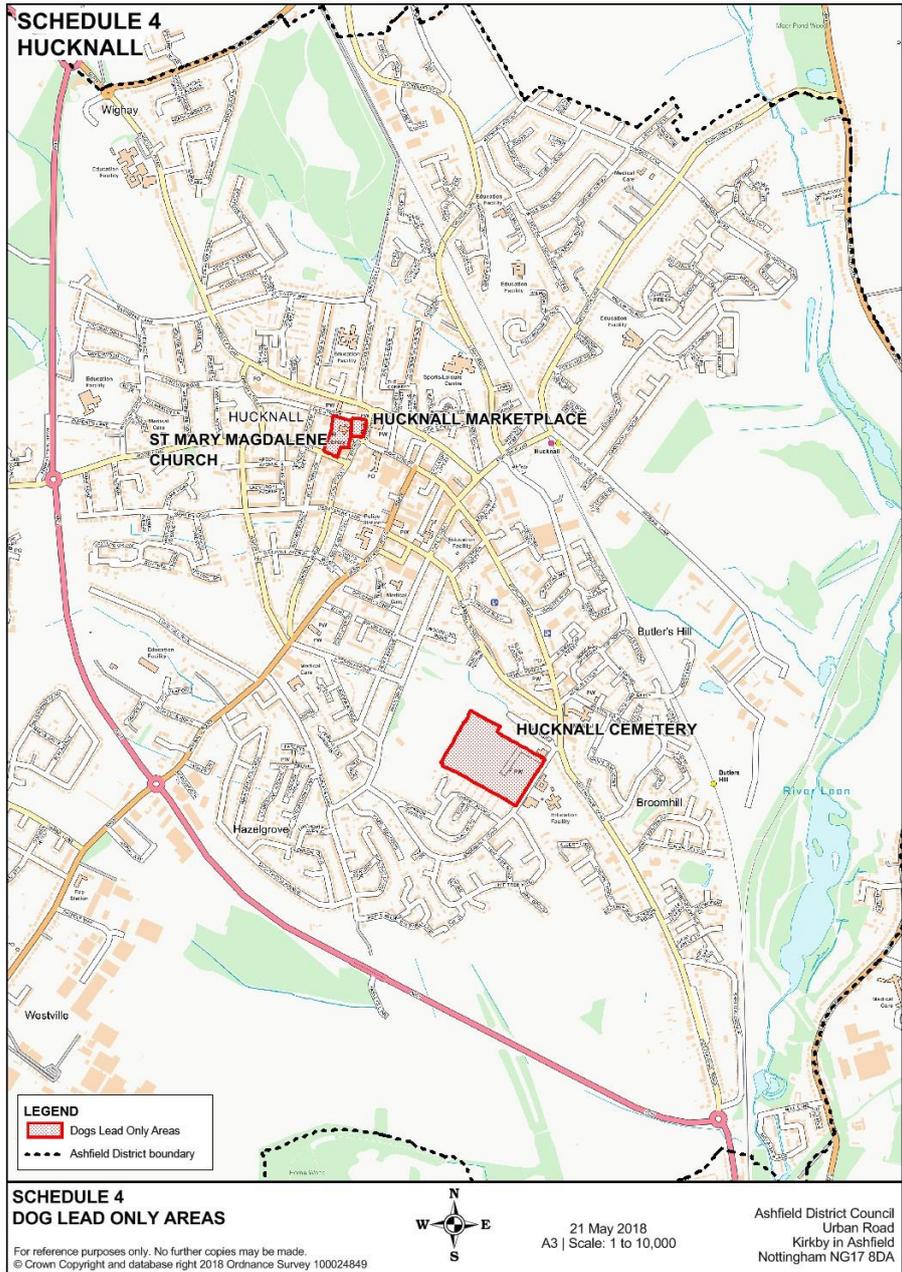
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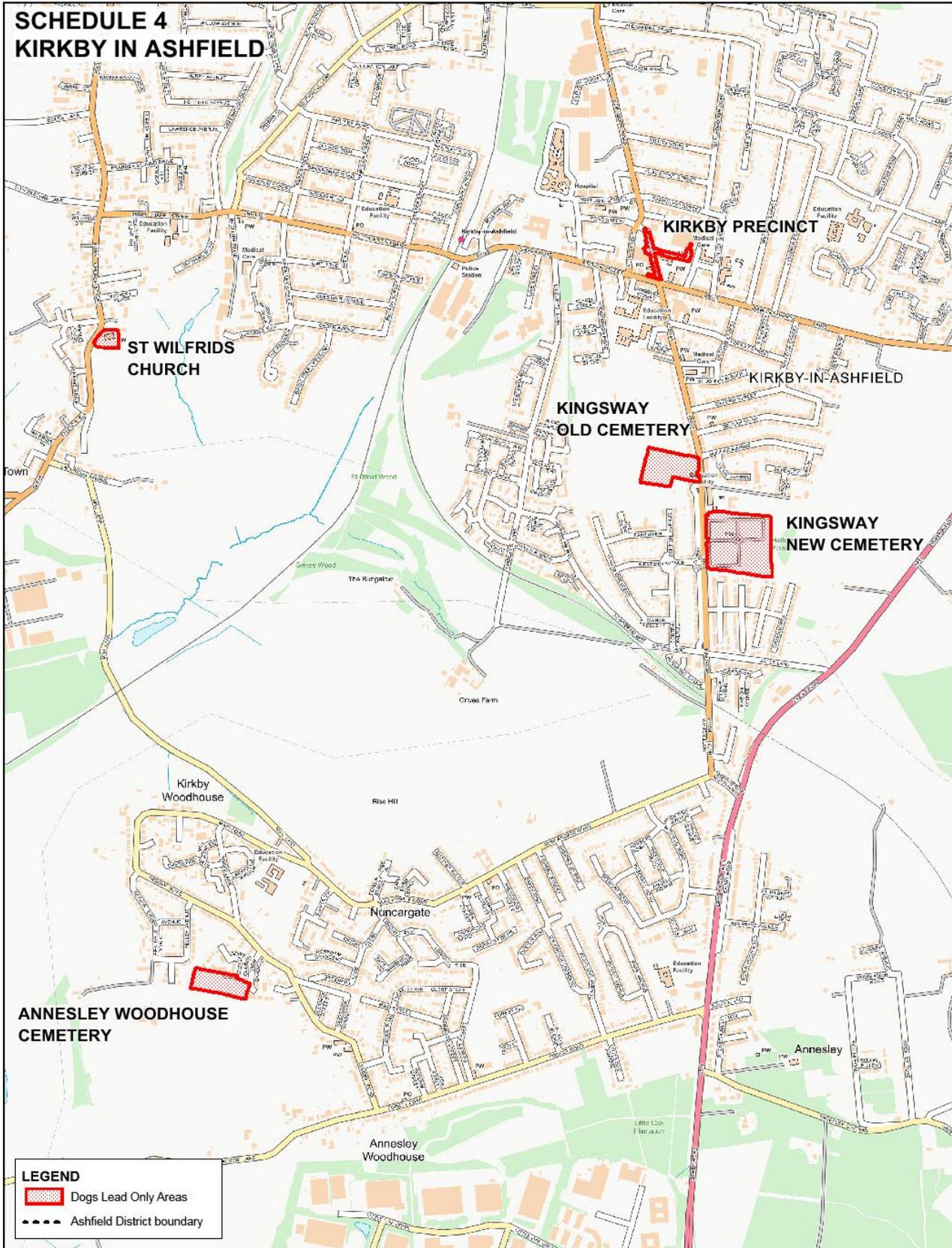


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**SCHEDULE 4
KIRKBY IN ASHFIELD**



LEGEND
 Dogs Lead Only Areas
 Ashfield District boundary

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DOG LEAD ONLY AREAS**

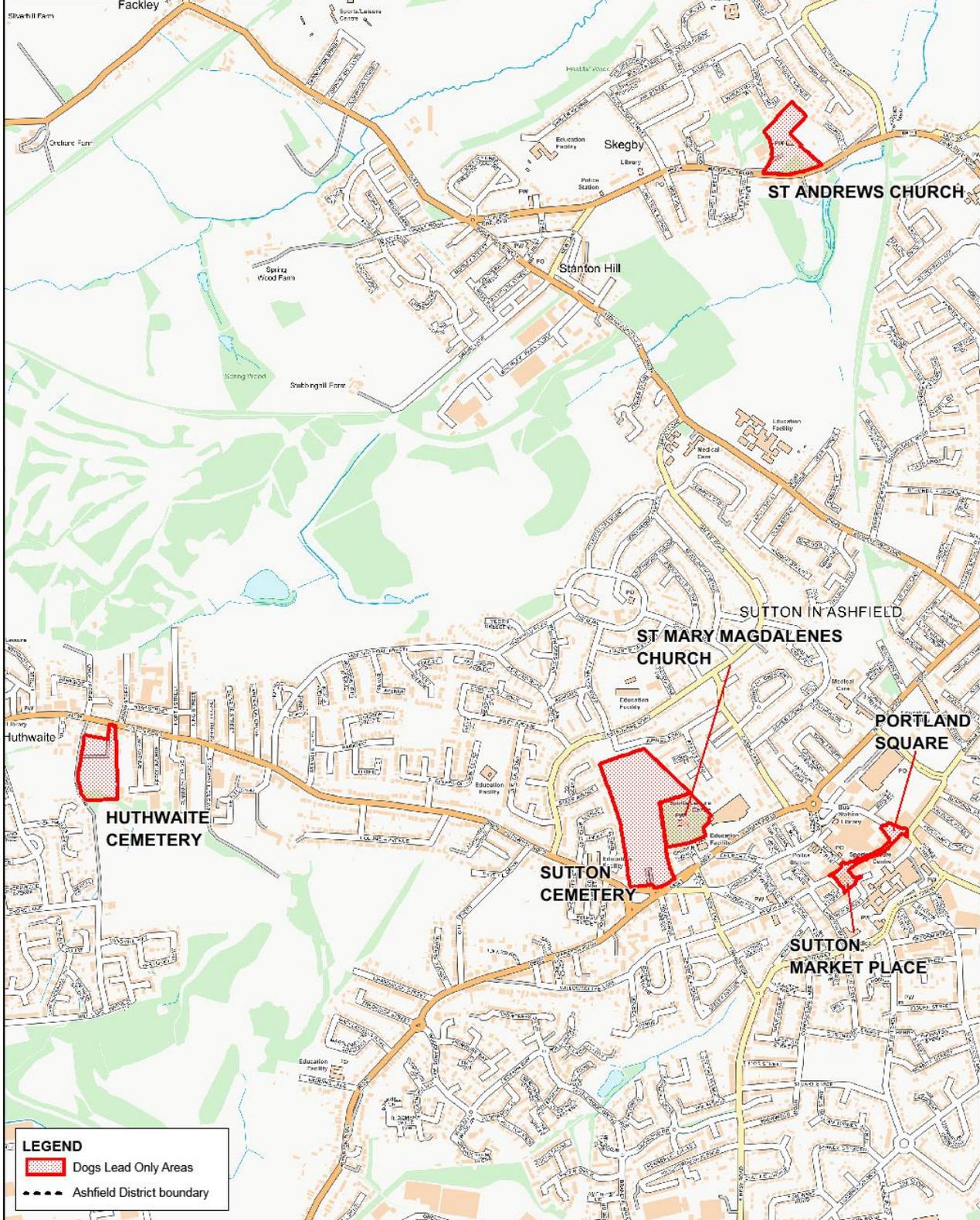
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**SCHEDULE 4
SUTTON IN ASHFIELD**



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- Ashfield District boundary

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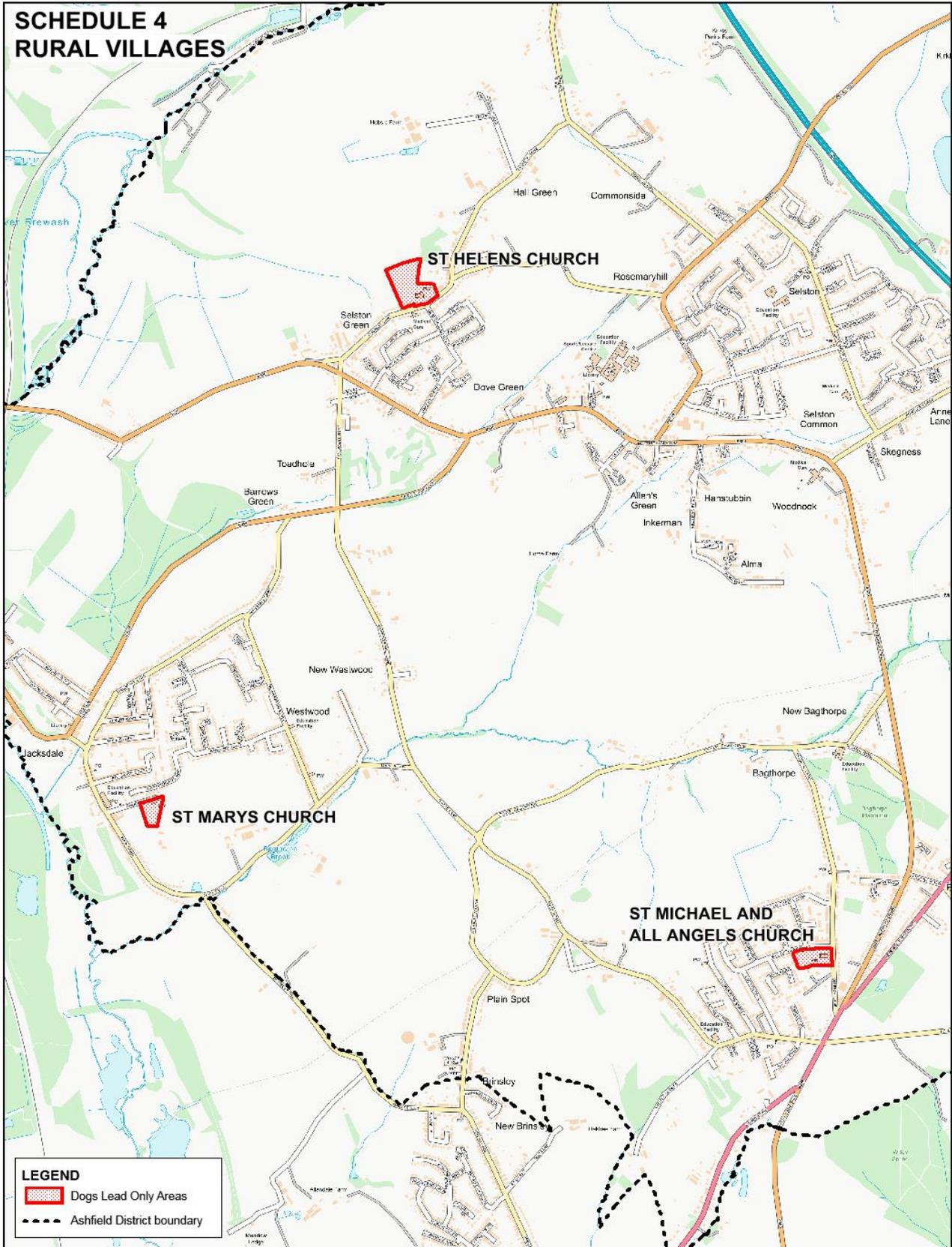
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Schedule 5 (Restricting Access – Prohibition 10)

The highways described in the following Schedule and shown edged by bold red lines on the plan attached, being Public Places in the Authority's area to which the Act applies

Land Designated Specifically (“the Restricted Access Highway”):

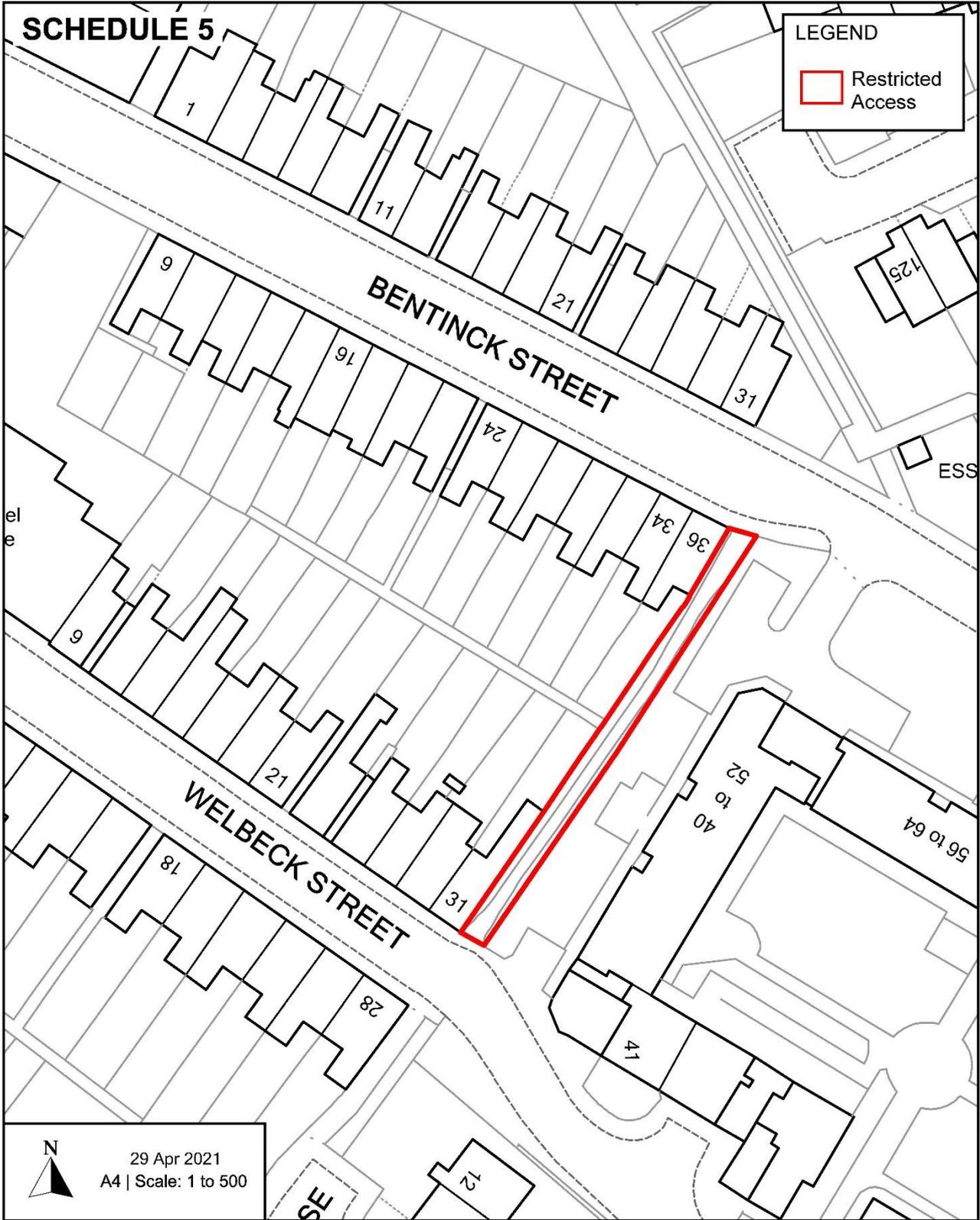
The strip of land between Bentinck Street and Welbeck Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire.

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SCHEDULE 5

LEGEND

 Restricted Access



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**SCHEDULE 5 - RESTRICTED ACCESS
BETWEEN BENTINCK STREET AND WELBECK STREET
SUTTON IN ASHFIELD**

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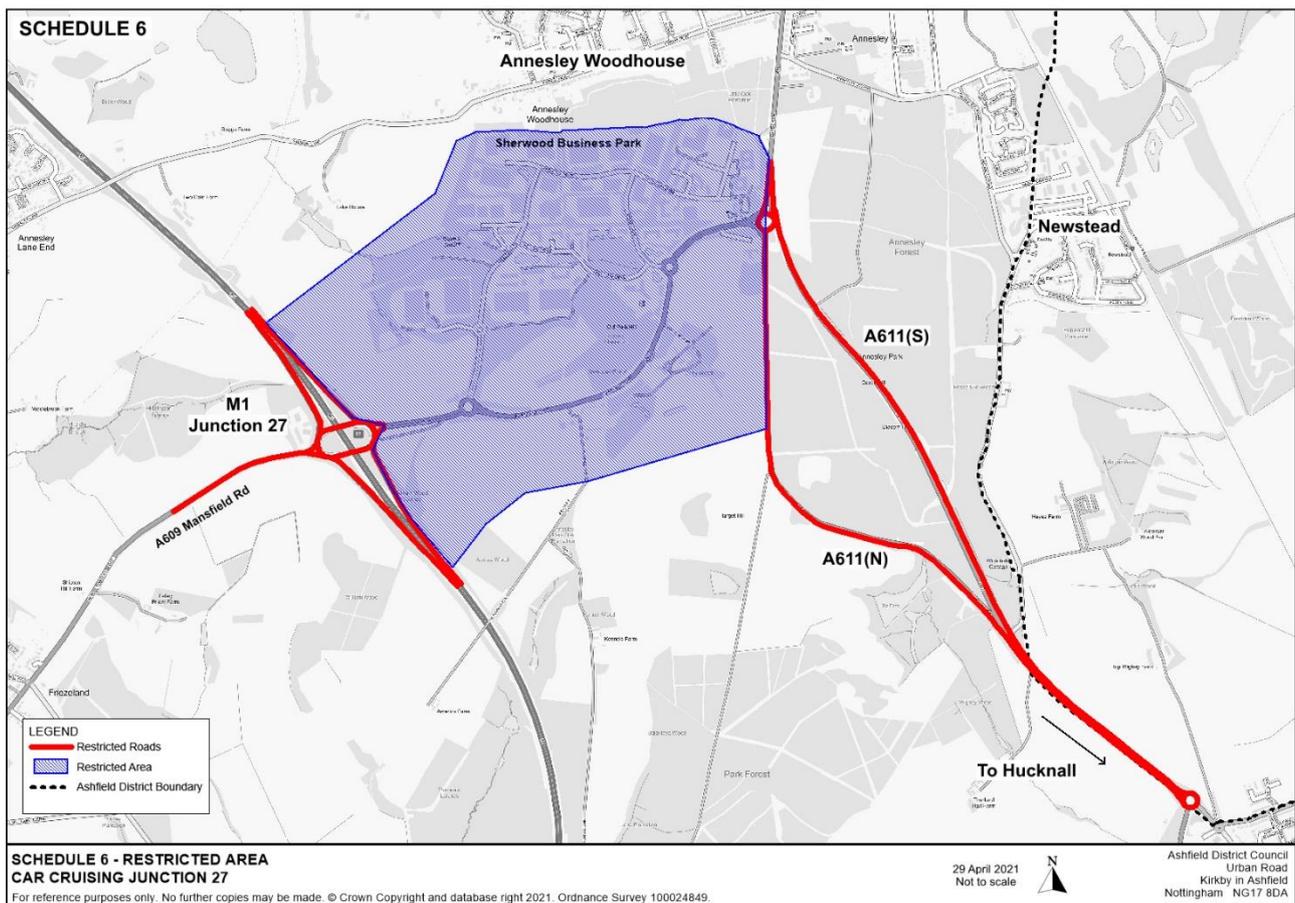
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Schedule 6 (Car Cruising – Prohibition 11)

Public spaces described in the following Schedule and shown in bold red lines (the “Restricted Roads”) and within the area shown shaded in blue (the “Restricted Area”) on the plan attached, being Public Places in the Authority's area to which the Act applies

Land Designated Specifically (the “Restricted Area car cruising Junction 27”):

Land at Junction 27 of the M1, Nottinghamshire.



APPENDIX B



Report To:	CABINET	DATE:	20TH SEPTEMBER 2021
Heading:	2021/22 FORECAST OUTTURN FOR GENERAL FUND, HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME AS AT JULY 2021		
Portfolio Holder:	PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR FINANCE, REVENUES AND BENEFITS – CLLR DAVID MARTIN		
Ward/s:	ALL		
Key Decision:	YES		
Subject to Call-In:	YES		

Purpose of Report

To summarise the Council's forecast financial outturn position to 31 March 2022 compared to the latest approved budgets for the General Fund, Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and the Capital Programme. The forecast financial outturn is based on the actual financial activity to the 31 July 2021 and forecast costs and income from 1 August 2021 to 31 March 2022.

Recommendation(s)

Cabinet is requested:

- (1) To note the current forecast outturn for the General Fund, Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Capital Programme for 2021/22.
- (2) To approve the budget adjustments outlined in section 3.1, Table 3.
- (3) To recommend to Council the amendments and the addition of new schemes to the Capital Programme 2021/22 to 2025/26 and the funding of the Capital Programme as set out in Section 7 and Appendix 3 of the report.

Reasons for Recommendation(s)

In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations to report to those charged with Governance the financial position.

Alternative Options Considered

None.

Detailed Information

- 1.1 Table 1 below shows the current revised budget based on original budget approved by Council on the 4th March 2021 and Council approved budget adjustments to 31st July 2021. It sets out the 2021/22 net revenue forecast outturn position based on actual income and expenditure to 31st July 2021 and forecast income and expenditure for the remainder of the year to 31 March 2022.
- 1.2 The current General Fund forecast is a £660k underspend compared to revised budget, including the in-year Covid-19 grant received to date.

Table 1 - Net Revenue Forecast to 31 March 2022 by Directorate

General Fund	Revised Budget	Forecast	Current Forecast Variance
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Directorate			
Chief Executive Officer	547	559	12
Legal and Governance	1,787	1,768	(19)
Resources and Business Transformation	(523)	(34)	489
Place and Communities	9,924	9,806	(118)
Housing and Assets	2,165	2,152	(13)
Total Net Directorate Expenditure	13,900	14,251	351
Net Recharges	(2,744)	(2,744)	0
Capital Financing	2,549	2,368	(181)
Net Interest Payable /(Receivable)	8	3	(5)
Net Revenue Expenditure	13,713	13,878	165
Funding	(12,552)	(13,369)	(817)
Net Revenue Expenditure before transfer to(from) earmarked reserve	1,161	509	(652)
Transfer to(from) earmarked reserve	(1,277)	(1,285)	(8)
Net Revenue Expenditure after transfer to(from) earmarked reserve	(116)	(776)	(660)

- 1.3 Appendix 1 provides details of the variances for each Directorate, Corporate Costs and Funding.
- 1.4 Appendix 2 provides details of the approved and forecast earmarked reserves movements as at 31 July 2021.
- 1.5 The current forecast does not include any costs for the 2021/22 pay award. The current pay award offer of 1.75% is estimated to cost £266k, which would reduce the forecast underspend to £394k. The impact of the pay award will be fully reflected in the forecast once it has been agreed and accepted.

2. Covid-19 Grant

- 2.1 The Council has received Covid funding of £817k in 2021/22 to date. Table 2 below shows the utilisation of the funding to 31st July 2021 of £416k. This position is reflected in the forecast outturn position in Table 1, the overall forecast outturn of £755k includes £401k unutilised in year Covid funding.

Table 2 – Covid-19 costs and loss of income

Directorate	Description	Amount £'000
<u>Costs</u>		
Resources and Business Transformation	Publicity - vaccine hesitancy campaign	2
Place and Communities	Environmental Maintenance - Additional Vehicles	4
	Waste Collection - Additional Vehicles	8
	Waste - Agency Costs	5
Total Additional Costs		19
<u>Income</u>		
Resources and Business Transformation	Loss on hotel investment income	208
	Loss on Housing Benefit overpayments	150
Housing and Assets	Community Centre loss of income	9
	Car parking income losses	30
Total Income Losses		397
Total Costs and Losses		416

3. General Fund Budget Adjustments

- 3.1 Approval is requested for the following budget adjustments to recognise additional grant income received in year and create the corresponding expenditure budgets.

Table 3 – Budget Adjustments 2021/22

Description	£'000
Covid19 emergency funding	-817
Covid19 emergency costs expenditure	817
Contain Outbreak Management Funding Additional Contain Funding	-211
Contain Outbreak Management Funding Additional Contain Expenditure	211
Welcome Back Fund	-115
Welcome Back Fund Expenditure	115
Reopening High Streets Safely Funding	-40
Reopening High Streets Safely Expenditure	40
Local Council Tax Support Scheme funding	-159
Local Council Tax Support Scheme expenditure	159
ARG Grants received in advance	-525

Test & Trace Grants received in advance	-161
ARG & Test & Trace Grants payable	686
Economic Stimulus Reimbursements	-34
Economic Stimulus Expenditure	34
Homelessness Prevention Grant Funding	-50
Homelessness Prevention Grant Expenditure	50
Rough Sleeper Initiative Grant Funding April -June 2021	-373
Rough Sleeper Initiative Grant Expenditure	373
Summer Holidays Activities & Food Programme Funding	-102
Summer Holidays Activities & Food Programme Expenditure	102

4. General Fund Savings/Efficiencies Monitoring 2021/22

- 4.1 The 2021/22 budget included the proposed savings and efficiencies as detailed in Table 4 below. The forecast achievement of these savings is identified, on the following basis:
- saving has been achieved (green),
 - saving forecast to be achieved but actions are still required to secure the saving (amber),
 - saving will not be achieved (red).

Table 4 - General Fund Savings/Efficiencies Monitoring 2021/22

Saving / Efficiency	Detail	£'000
Markets Review	Rationalisation of markets to reduce costs allow focus on successful higher take up trading days within each Town.	35
Depot Canteen	The canteen was trading at a loss and the proposed future trading model (post pandemic) is self-service. This makes this service cost neutral.	10
Courier Service	Cessation of Courier service between Ashfield and Mansfield largely due to more documents being transferred electronically.	5
Communications	Reduced cost of Ashfield Matters – graphics design work to be undertaken in-house.	8
DST	Movement to a hosted telephony solution (£37k), reduced paypoint costs as more customers transacting on-line (£5k) and mobile telephony contract savings (£5k)	47
Member Allowances	Reduced Member Allowances in line with Independent Remuneration Panel recommendations.	23
Place & Communities Management	Management Structure savings	13
Investment Property	Net annual income from Investment Property acquired in early April 2020.	117

Taxi Licensing	Apportionment of relevant share of taxi license income to support the MOT's of Taxis at the depot.	48
Office Accommodation	Additional income from the Police for their increasing share of the offices at Urban Road. (Annual rent income now £38k.)	3
TOTAL		309

4.2 The position outlined above shows £257k of the £309k savings have been achieved, and £52k are anticipated to be achieved but actions are currently being reviewed to ensure they are fully achieved.

5. Summary for Housing Revenue Account (HRA)

5.1 Table 5 sets out the 2021/22 HRA forecast outturn position based on actual income and expenditure to 31 July 2021 and forecast income and expenditure from August 2021 to March 2022, compared to the original budget approved by Full Council on the 4th March 2021.

5.2 Details of any significant variances incorporated within the forecast outturn are detailed in the commentaries below the table.

Table 5 – Housing Revenue Account Forecast to 31 March 2022 by Directorate

Description	2021/22 Original Budget £'000	2021/22 Forecast Outturn £'000	Variance £'000
Income			
Rents, Charges and Contributions	(24,772)	(24,766)	6
Interest and investment income	(16)	(6)	10
Total Income	(24,788)	(24,772)	16
Expenditure			
Repairs and Maintenance	7,873	7,873	0
Supervision and Management	4,446	4,285	(161)
Interest payable and similar charges	3,548	3,548	0
Rents, Rates, Taxes and other charges	196	151	(45)
Depreciation and impairments of fixed assets	3,884	3,884	0
Debt Management Costs	44	44	0
Contribution to the Bad Debt Provision	200	200	0
Transfer to Major Repairs Reserve	4,429	1,339	(3,090)
Capital expenditure funded by the HRA	3,892	7,869	3,977
Total Expenditure	28,512	29,193	681
Net Cost of HRA Services	3,724	4,421	697

5.3 Rents, Charges and Contributions

Community Centres closed under the Covid 19 restrictions until August with loss of income currently forecast at £6k.

5.4 Interest and Investment Income

Reduced Interest rates in the banking sector will reduce the average annual interest rate on the HRA balances. Currently forecasting a reduction of £10k but this is open to fluctuation dependant on the economy.

5.5 Supervision and Management

Forecast savings are from Housing Services vacating the Brook Street Office.

5.6 Rents Rates Taxes and Other Charges

Forecast savings of £60k are from Housing Services vacating the Brook Street Office. There are £15k additional costs forecast due to the changes in Council Tax empty property charges.

5.7 Transfer to the Major Repairs Reserve (MRR)

The current forecast outturn shows the reduced level of financing required from the HRA for the major repair element of the capital programme for 2021/22. Mainly due to savings being achieved from longer life components in the housing properties which reduces the overall expenditure as well as pushing the programme into future years. Also delays in commencing the new 5-year major works contract and unutilised funding from the 2020/21 MRR due to the Covid 19 restrictions carried forward to 2021/22.

5.8 Capital Expenditure Funded by the HRA

Capital expenditure funded by the HRA is forecast higher than budget due to a new Green Homes Grant Scheme, the delay in new vehicle delivery from 2020/21, carry forward of the investment in new dwellings program and the new homes developments commencing. The budget will be revised to align to the revised capital programme following approval of the changes to capital programme outlined in Section 7.

5.9 The current forecast does not include any costs for any pay award agreed. The current pay offer of 1.75% is estimated to cost £93k, which would increase the forecast overspend to £790k.

6. **HRA Savings/Efficiencies Monitoring 2021/22**

6.1 The 2021/22 HRA budget included the proposed savings and efficiencies as detailed in Table 6 below. The forecast achievement of these savings is identified, on the following basis:

- saving has been achieved (green),
- saving forecast to be achieved but actions are still required to secure the saving (amber),
- saving will not be achieved (red).

Table 6 - HRA Savings/Efficiencies Monitoring 2021/22

<u>Saving/Efficiency</u>	£'000
Housing Repairs Review - staffing efficiency	46
Dynamic Resource Scheduler efficiency - less use of subcontractors	90
TOTAL	136

6.2 The forecast achievement of these savings is included within the forecast outturn reported in section 5 of the report.

7. Capital Programme 2021/22 to 2025/26

7.1 The proposed Capital Programme and funding is summarised in Table 7 below. Appendix 3 shows a detailed breakdown of all the schemes below.

The three areas of the Capital Programme (Area Schemes, General Fund and HRA) are discussed in more detail below.

Table 7 – Capital Programme (2021/22 to 2025/26)

	2021/22 £'000	2022/23 £'000	2023/24 £'000	2024/25 £'000	2025/26 £'000	Total £'000
Capital Expenditure						
Area Schemes	977	5	0	0	0	982
General Fund	32,557	12,729	2,055	3,169	1,308	51,818
Housing Revenue Account	17,591	16,969	12,689	14,114	12,234	73,597
Grand Total	51,125	29,703	14,744	17,283	13,542	126,397
Capital Financing						
Developers Contributions -						
Area Schemes	478	5	0	0	0	483
Borrowing	187	0	0	0	0	187
Capital Receipts	9	0	0	0	0	9
Other Capital Grants and Contributions - Area Schemes						
Schemes	303	0	0	0	0	303
Sub Total - Area Schemes	977	5	0	0	0	982
Prudential Borrowing -						
General Fund	21,968	6,735	727	2,047	186	31,663
Direct Revenue Financing -						
General Fund	101	0	0	0	0	101
Developers Contributions -						
General Fund	55	93	0	0	0	148
Capital Receipts	250	0	0	0	0	250
Other Capital Grants and Contributions - General Fund						
General Fund	10,183	5,901	1,328	1,122	1,122	19,656
Sub Total - General Fund	32,557	12,729	2,055	3,169	1,308	51,818
Funded from HRA Reserves						
Homes England	1,240	820	0	0	0	2,060
Green Homes Grants	563	0	0	0	0	563
Developers Contributions -						
Housing Revenue Account	200	0	0	0	0	200
Future 1-4-1 Capital Receipts Funding Recently Built and New Schemes						
New Schemes	628	400	400	400	400	2,228
Non 1-4-1 Capital Receipts	1,760	880	880	880	880	5,280
Sub Total - HRA	17,591	16,969	12,689	14,114	12,234	73,597
Grand Total	51,125	29,704	14,744	17,283	13,542	126,397

Area Capital Programme

7.2 These consist of mainly self-financed schemes that enhance the local environment. Developers' contributions (known as Section 106 funding) make up the largest funding source. Additional grant funding is sought wherever possible to maximise the benefit to local communities. Area schemes are included in Table 8.

Table 8 – Area Schemes (2020/21 to 2025/26)

	2021/22 £'000	2022/23 £'000	2023/24 £'000	2024/25 £'000	2025/26 £'000	Total £'000
Area						
Hucknall Area	327	0	0	0	0	327
Kirkby Area	288	0	0	0	0	288
Sutton Area	358	5	0	0	0	363
Rural Area	4	0	0	0	0	4
Total	977	5	0	0	0	982

	2021/22 £'000	2022/23 £'000	2023/24 £'000	2024/25 £'000	2025/26 £'000	Total £'000
Funded by						
Borrowing	187	0	0	0	0	187
Capital Receipts	9	0	0	0	0	9
Friends of Cromford Canal	2	0	0	0	0	2
Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC)	249	0	0	0	0	249
Rural Payments Agency	5	0	0	0	0	5
Section 106	470	5	0	0	0	475
Skanska	8	0	0	0	0	8
Taylor Wimpey	39	0	0	0	0	39
Sustainable Transport S106	8	0	0	0	0	8
Total	977	5	0	0	0	982

Table 9 below shows where changes to capital schemes by Area are proposed due to project delays (slippage) or changes in project spend.

Table 9 – Area Schemes (changes in proposed expenditure)

	2021/22 £'000	2022/23 £'000	2023/24 £'000	2024/25 £'000	2025/26 £'000	Total £'000
Approved Area Scheme	938	0	0	0	0	938
Changes to Sutton Area Schemes	99	5	0	0	0	104
Changes to Kirkby Area Schemes	-59	0	0	0	0	-59
Changes to Rural Area Schemes	-1	0	0	0	0	-1
Proposed Area Schemes to be Approved	977	5	0	0	0	982

Table 10 – Area Schemes (changes to budget – by scheme)

	2021/22 £'000	2022/23 £'000	2023/24 £'000	2024/25 £'000	2025/26 £'000	Total £'000
Sutton Area						
Ashfield Estate Footpaths	-5	5	0	0	0	0
Brierley Forest Park Car Park Extension	1	0	0	0	0	1
Brierley Forest Park Management Plan	-1	0	0	0	0	-1
Healdswood Recreation Ground	40	0	0	0	0	40
Riley Recreation Ground	25	0	0	0	0	25
Sub Total	60	5	0	0	0	65
Kirkby Area						
Glen View/ Warwick Close Kingsway Park: implementation of management plan	-4	0	0	0	0	-4
Nuncargate Recreation Ground	1	0	0	0	0	1
Rowan Drive	-47	0	0	0	0	-47
West Park	-4	0	0	0	0	-4
Sub Total	-59	0	0	0	0	-59
Rurals Area						
Friezeland Recreation Ground - Scooter Park	-1	0	0	0	0	-1
Sub Total	-1	0	0	0	0	-1
Grand Total	0	5	0	0	0	5

7.3 Changes to Existing Area Projects

Table 10 above shows the proposed changes to budget on a scheme by scheme basis. Several of the schemes planned for 2020/21 are now expected to be completed in 2021/22. The actual allocation to each project is shown at Appendix 3.

The significant scheme changes are for Healdswood, Riley and Nuncargate recreation grounds. These projects were part of the £366k Green Spaces Capital Investment Programme which were approved by Council on 22nd October 2020. The allocation of these schemes was agreed by Council on 3rd December 2020. The above represents a change in the reallocation of the budgets for these projects.

Table 11 – Area Schemes (New scheme)

	2021/22 £'000	2022/23 £'000	2023/24 £'000	2024/25 £'000	2025/26 £'000	Total £'000
Sutton Area						
Sudbury Drive Play Area	39	0	0	0	0	39
Grand Total	39	0	0	0	0	39

7.4 The Sudbury Drive play area scheme is for improvements to the existing site and includes new swings and slides. This is funded entirely through S106 Developer Contributions.

Table 12 - General Fund Schemes Summary Reconciliation of Current Capital Programme to Proposed September 2021 Capital Programme

	2021/22 £'000	2022/23 £'000	2023/24 £'000	2024/25 £'000	2025/26 £'000	Total £'000
Current Capital Programme	33,193	5,515	3,626	2,768	0	45,102
Changes to Current Projects	-1,118	7,214	-1,571	401	1,308	6,234
New Schemes	482	0	0	0	0	482
Proposed September 2021 Capital Programme	32,557	12,729	2,055	3,169	1,308	51,818

Table 13 – General Fund Projects (changes in budget – by scheme)

	2021/22 £'000	2022/23 £'000	2023/24 £'000	2024/25 £'000	2025/26 £'000	Total £'000
Changes to Current Projects						
Depot Roof	700	0	0	0	0	700
Green Space Improvements	-4	0	0	0	0	-4
Hucknall Car Park - Titchfield Street	-115	115	0	0	0	0
Improvement Grants 1996						
Act Disabled Facility Grant	-212	274	274	274	1,122	1,732
Kirkby Leisure Centre	-1,920	1,920	0	0	0	0
Purchase of Vehicles	114	1,874	-1,845	127	186	456
Hucknall Leisure Centre - New Pool	-1,981	2,531	0	0	0	550
Towns Fund Projects	3,130	0	0	0	0	3,130
Vehicle Tracking Scheme	-330	0	0	0	0	-330
Fox Street pop-up food court and car park	-500	500	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	-1,118	7,214	-1,571	401	1,308	6,234

7.5 Table 13 above shows the proposed changes to budget on a scheme by scheme basis. Several of the schemes planned for 2020/21 are now expected to be completed in 2021/22.

Key changes to Existing General Fund Projects.

- **Depot Roof** – Additional sums required for structural remedial works to the Housing Block and Waste and Environmental Block.
- **Hucknall Car Park – Titchfield Street** – This project has been re-profiled and will now commence in 2022/23.
- **Disabled Facility Grants** – The annual value for the scheme has been aligned to the amount of government grant the Council received in 2021/22 and the unspent grant at the end of 2020/21 has been divided equally to increase the scheme over the next five years.
- **Kirkby Leisure Centre** – This project has been re-profiled with some projected spend slipping into 2022/23, when the scheme will now complete.
- **Purchase of vehicles** – The expenditure had been reprofiled over 2021/22 to 2024/25 and estimated expenditure for 2025/26 has been included.
- **Hucknall Leisure Centre new Pool** – The original budget was taken from the early feasibility study. Design Development has seen the costs increased by £300k and then requirements from Planning for Electric Vehicles charges and solar panels has seen a further increase of £250k.
- **Towns Fund Projects** – The budget has been increased to reflect the early release payment of 5% (£3.130m) of the total Heads of Terms offer (£62.6m).
- **Vehicle Tracking Scheme** – The capital budget has been reduced to the actual software costs.

The actual allocation to each project is shown at Appendix 3.

Table 14 – General Fund Projects (New Schemes)

	2021/22 £'000	2022/23 £'000	2023/24 £'000	2024/25 £'000	2025/26 £'000	Total £'000
New Projects						
Green Homes Grant (GF) (2)	482	0	0	0	0	482
Grand Total	482	0	0	0	0	482

7.6 One new scheme has been added to the Capital Programme:

- **Green Homes Grant (GF) (2)** – the second roll out of the Green Homes Grant has been released. The cost of the scheme is all grant funded.

7.7 Table 15 below show the changes in financing required to move from the existing Capital Programme to the proposed 2021/22 – 2025/26 Capital Programme.

Table 15 – General Fund – Financing of the Capital Programme

	2021/22 £'000	2022/23 £'000	2023/24 £'000	2024/25 £'000	2025/26 £'000	Total £'000
Current Capital Programme	33,193	5,515	3,626	2,768	0	45,102
Capital Grants	1,072	2,602	274	274	1,122	5,344
Prudential Borrowing	-1,611	4,519	-1,845	127	186	1,376
Developers Contributions - General Fund	-97	93	0	0	0	-4
Proposed September 2021 Capital Programme	32,557	12,729	2,055	3,169	1,308	51,818

7.8 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Programme

There have been numerous changes to the profiling of the HRA capital schemes.

Key changes to existing schemes are as follows:

- **Decent Homes Schemes** – Estimated expenditure now included for year 2025/26 and expenditure for 2021/22 to 2024/25 capital schemes has been reduced by £6.2m. This is predominantly, as a consequence of building components lasting longer than their anticipated lifecycles.
- **Investment in New or Existing Council Dwellings** – A further £1m has been added to the capital programme for 2025/26.
- **Davies Avenue Housing Project** – The completion of this project has been bought forward by one year.
- **Housing Vehicles** – Expenditure on some of the housing vehicles has been delayed by one year.
- **Hucknall Infill Sites** – An additional £75k is required for completion of this project.
- **Maun View Sutton in Ashfield** – Remediation costs have increased due to removing contaminated land to make the land level.
- **Green Homes Grant (HRA) (2)** – The second round of Green Homes Grant has allowed the Council to receive additional funding for Green Homes works to its own dwellings. The scheme is funded by two thirds Green Home Grant monies and one third from the Council's HRA reserves.

7.9 Full details of the HRA Capital Programme are shown in Appendix 3.

Table 16 – Housing Revenue Account (changes to budget)

	2021/22 £'000	2022/23 £'000	2023/24 £'000	2024/25 £'000	2025/26 £'000	Total £'000
Expenditure Approved	17,118	20,355	13,420	15,546	0	66,439
Changes to Current Projects						
Decent Home Schemes						
Management Fee	-23	0	0	0	591	568
Catch up and Major Repairs	-2,341	-1,151	-722	-572	7,400	2,614
Service Improvements	-487	-103	-45	54	1,667	1,086
Contingent Major Repairs	-30	-13	-14	-14	126	55
Exceptional Extensive Works	131	0	0	-900	960	191
Disabled Adaptations	22	0	0	0	450	472
Sub Total	-2,728	-1,267	-781	-1,432	11,194	4,986
Other Housing Revenue Account Schemes						
Affordable Housing developments	-20	20	0	0	0	0
Major Repairs Temporary Accomodation	0	0	0	0	40	40
Investment in New or Existing Dwellings	0	0	0	0	1,000	1,000
Davies Avenue Housing Project	2,565	-2,565	0	0	0	0
Housing Vehicles	-90	76	0	0	0	-14
Hucknall Infill Sites	-75	150	0	0	0	75
Maun View Sutton-in-Ashfield	476	200	50	0	0	726
Sub Total	2,856	-2,119	50	0	1,040	1,827
New Projects						
Green Homes Grant (HRA) (2)	325	0	0	0	0	325
Vehicle Tracking Scheme	20	0	0	0	0	20
Sub Total	345	0	0	0	0	345
Grand Total	17,591	16,969	12,689	14,114	12,234	73,597
Capital Funding						
Funded from HRA Reserves	13,200	14,869	11,409	12,834	10,954	63,266
Homes England	1,240	820	0	0	0	2,060
Developers Contribution	200	0	0	0	0	200
Green Homes Grants	563	0	0	0	0	563
Future 1-4-1 Capital Receipts						
Funding Recently Built and New Schemes	628	400	400	400	400	2,228
Non 1-4-1 Capital Receipts	1,760	880	880	880	880	5,280
Total Capital Funding	17,591	16,969	12,689	14,114	12,234	73,597

Implications

Corporate Plan:

The revenue and capital budgets included within this report support delivery of the priorities in the Corporate Plan.

Legal: [RLD 03/09/2021]

This report ensures compliance with the Council's approved Financial Regulations.

Finance:

Budget Area	Implication
General Fund – Revenue Budget	As set out in the detailed information section of the report.
General Fund – Capital Programme	
Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Budget	
Housing Revenue Account – Capital Programme	

Risk:

Risk	Mitigation
Failure to spend within approved budgets could impact on the financial sustainability of the Council.	Financial monitoring reports to CLT and Cabinet. Financial Regulations. Financial Management training of Budget Holders and Managers.

Human Resources:

No implications

Environmental/Sustainability

No implications

Equalities:

No implications

Background Papers

Annual Budget and Council Tax 2021/22 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy Update to Council
4th March 2021

Draft Outturn Report 2020/21 to Cabinet 19 July 2021

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Forecast as at: 31/07/2021

Service Area	Forecast Underspend OR Income over- recovery (-) £'000	Forecast Overspend OR Income under- recovery (+) £'000	Key reasons for forecast variance (for variances of £3k or greater only)
Chief Executive Chief Executive	-6	18	Recruitment Advertising for the CEO post Reduction in Superannuation Back funding - based on actuals to date
Total	-6	18	
Net Forecast Under/Overspend	12		

Directorate:

Legal & Governance

Forecast as at:

31/07/2021

Service Area	Forecast Underspend OR Income over-recovery (-) £'000	Forecast Overspend OR Income under-recovery (+) £'000	Key reasons for forecast variance (for variances of £10k or greater only)
Director			No variances to report
Risk & Emergency Planning	-21		Vacancy (1 post)
Electoral Services			No variances to report
Legal Services		2	Commercial Debt training costs and reference books
Democratic & Scrutiny Services			No variances to report
Internal Audit (CMAP)			No variances to report
Total	-21	2	
Net Forecast Under/Overspend	-19		

Directorate:

Resources & Business Transformation

Forecast as at:

31/07/2021

Service Area	Forecast Underspend OR Income over-recovery (-) £'000	Forecast Overspend OR Income under-recovery (+) £'000	Key reasons for forecast variance (for variances of £3k or greater only)
GIS	-25		Increased income for street naming and numbering
Publicity		2	For Covid related publicity -Vaccine Hesitancy Campaign
Commercial Properties		21 31	NNDR charges for void property for Kirkby Town Centre Redevelopment Areas Dilapidations costs for Annesley Workshop
HR & Payroll		17 2	Unbudgeted costs for Kick Start Programme - New Programme Occupational Health Costs
Investment Properties		115	Loss of rental income and costs on Grangemouth Property to be funded from Commercial Property Investment Reserve
Revenues and Benefits		285	Loss of income due to new HB claims moving to Universal Credit - Part Covid related
IT		12	Increased costs for Licences
Customer Services		5 24	Reduction in income from NCC - Customer Services contract hasn't been renewed Increase to Salaries cost due to transfer from H&A
Total	-25	514	

Net Forecast
Under/Overspend

489

Directorate:

Place & Communities

Forecast as at:

31/07/2021

Service Area	Forecast Underspend OR Income over-recovery (-) £'000	Forecast Overspend OR Income under- recovery (+) £'000	Key reasons for forecast variance (for variances of £3k or greater only)
Community Safety	-94	-16	Reduced employee costs, as a result of staff vacancies across the Service. Higher income, as a result of share of Fixed Penalty Notice income from arrangement with third party operator. 3 Other costs.
Neighbourhoods and Environment	-70	-64	4 Reduced employee costs in Environmental Maintenance, due to vacancies. 6 Hire of vehicles in Environmental Maintenance to maintain social distancing. 6 Water charges at Allotments. 64 Additional Developer Contributions. 2 Payments to contractors for works in connection with additional Developer Contributions. 2 Other Costs
Waste Services	-81		18 Higher income as a result of new business in Trade Waste. 18 Higher purchase of trade bins as a result of increased business. 43 Employee costs (Non achievement of Vacancy factor) 8 Vehicle Hire (social distancing) covered by Covid funding
Transport & Depot			10 Lower income from 'Public' MOTs.

	-45		Income from vehicle sales
Place & Wellbeing	-23		Reduced employee costs, due to vacancies.
		34	Costs associated with Leisure Centre contract
Markets		45	Lower rents from Idlewells Indoor Market (7 vacant stalls)
	-16		Reduced staff costs at Moor Indoor Market (not yet operating)
		54	Reduced rents from Moor Indoor Market (not yet operating)
Total	-409	291	
Net Forecast Under/Overspend	-118		

Directorate:

Housing & Assets

Forecast as at:

31/07/2021

Service Area	Underspend OR Income over-recovery (-) £'000	Overspend OR Income under-recovery (+) £'000	Key reasons for forecast variance (for variances of £10k or greater only)
Private Sector Housing Housing Administration	-33 -24	5	Costs incurred in moving on illegal traveller occupation. Reduction in establishment Post transferred to Resources and Business Transformation
Car Parks		30	Underachieved income compared to budget due to Covid restrictions
Community Centres		9	Underachieved income compared to budget due to Covid restrictions
Asset Management General	-16		Reduced employee costs, due to vacancies.
		13	Cleaning Services requirement after reopening the main office to the public.
		3	Annual Assessment of the Council's carbon emissions
Total	-73	60	
Net Forecast Under/Overspend	-13		

Corporate Costs

Corporate Costs

Forecast as at:

31/07/2021

Service Area	Forecast Underspend OR Income over-recovery (-) £'000	Forecast Overspend OR Income under-recovery (+) £'000	Key reasons for forecast variance (for variances of £10k or greater only)
Loan Interest payable	-175		Forecast interest saving due to managing borrowing need through internal borrowing not taking on external debt. This has been achieved due to the increase in reserve levels and working capital.
Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP)	-110		Slippage on 2020/21 Capital Programme funded by borrowing reducing the MRP charges in 2021/22
Interest received from HRA		3	Reduction in HRA CFR from budget as land appropriated from general fund to HRA in 2020/21 was funded in full in year by the HRA.
Capital Expenditure Financed from Revenue		101	Contribution to Kingsmill Reservoir Capital Scheme £90k and to the Retail Improvement Scheme £11k - funded from earmarked reserves.
Net investment income	-5		Reduction in net interest payable on balances and increase on interest earned on investments due to changes in forecast balances.
Net Forecast Under/Overspend	-290	104	
	-186		

Funding

Forecast as at:

31/07/2021

Service Area	Forecast Underspend OR Income over-recovery (-) £'000	Forecast Overspend OR Income under-recovery (+) £'000	Key reasons for forecast variance (for variances of £10k or greater only)
Government Grants	-817		Covid Funding 21/22 received from Central Government (Some of this is already earmarked to meet covid related costs within Directorates as shown above and within the main report).
Net Forecast Under/Overspend	-817	0	

**Movement in Reserves
Summary as at 31 July 2021**

Appendix 2

Service Earmarked Reserve	Opening Balance 1 April 2021	Approved		Balance as at 30 June 2021	Forecast as at 31 July 2021		Forecast Closing Balance as 31 March 2022	Forecast Comments
		Contributions	Withdrawals		Contributions	Withdrawals		
Elections	-64,858	-54,000		-118,858			-118,858	
Insurance Related Funds (Inc Risk Mngt)	-388,419	-75,000		-463,419			-463,419	
Revenue Grant Reserve	-3,726,729		845,676	-2,881,053		11,000	-2,870,053	S106 Revenue Grant Reserve for Retail Improvement Capital Scheme.
District Planning Enquiry Fund	-312,773		125,000	-187,773			-187,773	
Asset Renewal	-742,572			-742,572		90,000	-652,572	Asset Renewal Reserve for Kingsmill Reservoir Capital Scheme
Leisure Maintenance Reserve (joint Use Pre 2021)	-200,908			-200,908			-200,908	
Local Authority Mortgage Scheme (LAMS) Reserve	-75,899			-75,899			-75,899	
NNDR Equalisation Reserve	-2,139,850			-2,139,850			-2,139,850	
Supported Housing Trading Fund	-18,377			-18,377			-18,377	
Corporate Change Reserve	-1,345,384		250,000	-1,095,384			-1,095,384	
Commercial Property Investment Reserve	-3,150,000		208,000	-2,942,000	-208,000	115,000	-3,035,000	Contribution - use of reserve at budget setting replaced by in-year covid grant. Withdrawal - loss of rental income and costs for re-assignment of Grangemouth Property.
Economic Development and Place Reserve	-383,759			-383,759			-383,759	
Joint Crematorium Reserve	-575,410			-575,410			-575,410	

Selective Licencing	-26,794		12,000	-14,794			-14,794
Licensing Reserve	-155,190			-155,190			-155,190
Brexit Reserve	-51,452			-51,452			-51,452
Covid-19 Grant Reserve	-886,000			-886,000			-886,000
Commercial Property Dilapidations Reserve	-10,000	-10,000		-20,000			-20,000
Other Reserves	-12,179	-25,000		-37,179			-37,179
Total Service Earmarked Reserves	14,266,554	-164,000	1,440,676	12,989,878	-208,000	216,000	12,981,878

Taxation Earmarked Reserve

NNDR/Ctax S31 & Compensation Reserve	-4,657,570	0	4,193,334	-464,236	0	0	-464,236
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General Fund Capital Schemes

	Lead Officer						Funding							
		2021/22 £'000	2022/23 £'000	2023/24 £'000	2024/25 £'000	2025/26 £'000	Total £'000	Loan £'000	Section 106 £'000	Grant £'000	Grant Funder e.g. Lottery	Capital Receipts £'000	Reserves £'000	Total £'000
General Fund														
Cemeteries	TBC	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0		0	0	2
Demolition of Hucknall Toilets	Paul Parkinson	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0		0	0	1
Depot Roof	Paul Parkinson	950	0	0	0	0	950	700	0	0		250	0	950
External health and safety works required for the Urban Road office	Paul Parkinson	216	0	0	0	0	216	216	0	0		0	0	216
Firewalls	Craig Bonar	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0		0	0	2
Flood Support Schemes	Craig Bonar	49	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	49	CLG	0	0	49
Green Space Improvements	TBC	20	0	0	0	0	20	0	20	0		0	0	20
Green Homes Grant (GF) (1)	Paul Parkinson	700	0	0	0	0	700	0	0	700	Green Homes Grant	0	0	700
Green Homes Grant (GF) (2)	Paul Parkinson	482	0	0	0	0	482	0	0	482	Green Homes Grant	0	0	482
Hucknall Car Park - Titchfield Street	TBC	0	115	0	0	0	115	22	93	0		0	0	115
Hucknall Leisure Centre - Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	TBC	1,775	250	0	0	0	2,025	2,025	0	0		0	0	2,025
Hucknall Leisure Centre - New Pool	TBC	719	2,531	0	0	0	3,250	3,250	0	0		0	0	3,250
New Kirkby Leisure Centre - Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	TBC	0	440	0	0	0	440	440	0	0		0	0	440
Lammas Leisure Centre - Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	TBC	2,971	0	0	0	0	2,971	2,971	0	0		0	0	2,971
Idlewells Market Hall	TBC	9	0	0	0	0	9	9	0	0		0	0	9
Improvement Grants 1996 Act Disabled Facility Grant	Paul Parkinson	1,122	1,122	1,122	1,122	1,122	5,610	0	0	5,610	BCF £5,538k & RHB £72k	0	0	5,610
IT Wiring Infrastructure	Craig Bonar	9	0	0	0	0	9	9	0	0		0	0	9
Kings Mill Reservoir Car Park Expansion	TBC	192	0	0	0	0	192	176	0	16	NCC	0	0	192
Kings Mill Reservoir (The King and Miller to Kingfisher)	TBC	435	0	0	0	0	435	62	0	283	HLF £91k, NCC £136k, MDC £27k, Development (HLF) £21k, NCC ROW £3k & Donations £5k	0	90	435
Kirkby Leisure Centre	TBC	12,000	1,920	0	0	0	13,920	10,920	0	3,000	Sport England £1.5m LEP £1.5m	0	0	13,920
Market Stalls	TBC	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0		0	0	1
Members' IT	Craig Bonar	21	35	0	0	0	56	56	0	0		0	0	56
New Cross Support Scheme	TBC	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	RHB	0	0	1
New Servers	Craig Bonar	50	20	20	0	0	90	90	0	0		0	0	90
Northern Depot Office Rationalisation and Wireless CCTV Infrastructure	TBC	11	0	0	0	0	11	11	0	0		0	0	11
Office Accommodation Works to Accommodate DWP at Central Offices	Paul Parkinson	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0		0	0	2
Office Accommodation Works to Accommodate Police at Central Offices	Paul Parkinson	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	Police	0	0	5
Officers' IT for Agile Working (General Fund)	Craig Bonar	47	40	0	0	0	87	87	0	0		0	0	87
Piggins Croft Car Park	Paul Parkinson	17	0	0	0	0	17	17	0	0		0	0	17
Purchase of Vehicles	TBC	1,271	2,833	550	2,047	186	6,887	6,887	0	0		0	0	6,887
Retail Improvement Scheme	TBC	11	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	S106 Revenue	0	11	11
SAN Hardware	Craig Bonar	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0		0	0	2
Solar Panels - Northern Depot	Paul Parkinson	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0		0	0	2
Switch Network Hardware	Craig Bonar	13	0	0	0	0	13	13	0	0		0	0	13
Towns Fund Projects	TBC	4,396	0	0	0	0	4,396	1,266	0	3,130	Towns Fund	0	0	4,396
Tree Planting and Habitat Improvements, Ashfield-Wide	TBC	35	0	0	0	0	35	0	35	0		0	0	35
Vehicle Tracking Scheme	TBC	23	0	0	0	0	23	23	0	0		0	0	23
Future High Street Funding Schemes														
Sutton Academy Community Theatre/Cinema	TBC	612	1,835	0	0	0	2,447	0	0	2,447	MHCLG £2,347k and Private Sector £100k	0	0	2,447
Sutton Maker Space and Business Hub	TBC	2,105	0	0	0	0	2,105	756	0	1,349	MHCLG	0	0	2,105
Low Street vacant units	TBC	2,176	1,088	363	0	0	3,627	1,574	0	2,053	MHCLG	0	0	3,627
Fox Street pop-up food court and car park	TBC	102	500	0	0	0	602	71	0	531	MHCLG	0	0	602
Total General Fund		32,557	12,729	2,055	3,169	1,308	51,818	31,663	148	19,656		250	101	51,818

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Housing Revenue Account Capital Schemes

Housing Revenue Account

	Lead Officer	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	Total
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT							
Decent Homes Schemes							
Management Fee	Paul Parkinson	579	591	591	591	591	2,943
Catch up and Major Repairs	Paul Parkinson	4,265	8,392	8,612	8,761	7,400	37,430
Service Improvements	Paul Parkinson	275	1,712	1,770	1,870	1,667	7,294
Contingent Major Repairs	Paul Parkinson	85	107	106	106	126	530
Exceptional Extensive Works	Paul Parkinson	1,450	50	10	1,204	960	3,674
Disabled Adaptations	Paul Parkinson	639	450	450	450	450	2,439
Grand Total		7,293	11,302	11,539	12,982	11,194	54,310
Other Housing Revenue Account Schemes							
Electronic Document and Records (EDRM) System	Paul Parkinson	24	0	0	0	0	24
Affordable Housing Developments Sutton In Ashfield	Paul Parkinson	1,321	20	0	0	0	1,341
Affordable Housing Development – Wesley Street, Annesley	Paul Parkinson	198	1,726	60	0	0	1,984
Investment in Additional Council Dwellings in Hucknall	Paul Parkinson	4	0	0	0	0	4
Investment in New or Existing Dwellings	Paul Parkinson	1,567	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	5,567
Davies Avenue Housing Project	Paul Parkinson	2,288	0	0	0	0	2,288
Green Homes Grant (HRA) (1)	Paul Parkinson	519	0	0	0	0	519
Green Homes Grant (HRA) (2)	Paul Parkinson	325	0	0	0	0	325
Hucknall Infill Sites	Paul Parkinson	2,188	200	0	0	0	2,388
Major Repairs Temporary Accommodation	Paul Parkinson	46	40	40	40	40	206
Maun View Sutton-in-Ashfield	Paul Parkinson	1,076	2,200	50	0	0	3,326
Firewalls	Paul Parkinson	1	0	0	0	0	1
SAN Hardware	Paul Parkinson	1	0	0	0	0	1
Switch Network Hardware	Paul Parkinson	4	0	0	0	0	4
Officers' IT for Agile Working (HRA)	Paul Parkinson	106	40	0	0	0	146
Vehicle Tracking Scheme	TBC	20	0	0	0	0	20
Housing Vehicles	TBC	610	441	0	92	0	1,143
Grand Total		10,298	5,667	1,150	1,132	1,040	19,287
Total Housing Revenue Account		17,591	16,969	12,689	14,114	12,234	73,597

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Area Capital Schemes

	Lead Officer						Funding							Capital Receipts £'000	Reserves £'000	Total Funding £'000
		2021/22 £'000	2022/23 £'000	2023/24 £'000	2024/25 £'000	2025/26 £'000	Total £'000	Loan £'000	Section 106 £'000	Grant £'000	Grant Funder e.g. Lottery					
Hucknall Area																
Play Areas	TBC	78	0	0	0	0	78	78	0	0			0	0	78	
Titchfield Park Brook	TBC	231	0	0	0	0	231	0	0	231	NCC		0	0	231	
Washdyke Recreation Ground	TBC	18	0	0	0	0	18	0	18	0			0	0	18	
Total Hucknall Area		327	0	0	0	0	327	78	18	231			0	0	327	
Sutton Area																
Ashfield Estate Footpaths	TBC	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	5	0			0	0	5	
Brierley Forest Park Management Plan	TBC	8	0	0	0	0	8	0	3	5	RPA £5k		0	0	8	
Brierley Forest Park Car Park Extension and Entrances	TBC	62	0	0	0	0	62	0	62	0			0	0	62	
Football Changing Rooms	TBC	15	0	0	0	0	15	0	15	0			0	0	15	
Healdswood Recreation Ground	TBC	6	0	0	0	0	6	0	6	0			0	0	6	
Kingsmill Reservoir footpath links	TBC	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0			0	0	1	
Kingsmill Reservoir management plan: Implementation Works	TBC	8	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	8	Skanska		0	0	8	
Play Areas	TBC	106	0	0	0	0	106	106	0	0			0	0	106	
Riley Recreation Ground	TBC	10	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	0			0	0	10	
Roundhill Recreation Ground	TBC	9	0	0	0	0	9	1	0	8	LIS		0	0	9	
Sudbury Drive Play Area	TBC	39	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	39	Taylor Wimpey		0	0	39	
Sutton Lawn management Plan	TBC	14	0	0	0	0	14	0	6	8	NCC SLC		0	0	14	
Sutton Town Centre Improvements	TBC	70	0	0	0	0	70	0	70	0			0	0	70	
Taylor Crescent Recreation Ground	TBC	10	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	0			0	0	10	
Total Sutton Area		358	5	0	0	0	363.00	107	188	68			0	0	363.00	

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Area Capital Schemes

	Lead Officer	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	Total	Loan	Section 106	Grant	Grant Funder	Capital Receipts	Reserves	Total Funding
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	e.g. Lottery	£'000	£'000	£'000
Kirkby Area														
Annesley Art Project	TBC	29	0	0	0	0	29	0	29	0		0	0	29
Footpath Improvements Across the Larwood and Greenwood & Summit Wards	TBC	15	0	0	0	0	15	0	15	0		0	0	15
Forest Road Nature Area	TBC	30	0	0	0	0	30	0	30	0		0	0	30
Glen View/ Warwick Close	TBC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0
Kingsway Park: implementation of management plan	TBC	16	0	0	0	0	16	0	16	0		0	0	16
Kirkby footpaths/cycle ways	TBC	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0		0	0	1
Kirkby Park and Play Areas	TBC	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0		0	0	2
Lindleys Lane Play/Youth Area	TBC	32	0	0	0	0	32	0	32	0		0	0	32
Nuncargate Recreation Ground	TBC	53	0	0	0	0	53	0	45	0		8	0	53
Rowan Drive	TBC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0
Sports pavilion, Titchfield Park	TBC	39	0	0	0	0	39	0	39	0		0	0	39
Titchfield Park Play, Hucknall	TBC	70	0	0	0	0	70	0	70	0		0	0	70
West Park	TBC	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0		1	0	1
Total Kirkby Area		288	0	0	0	0	288	2	277	0		9	0	288
Rural Area														
Friezeland Recreation Ground - Scooter Park	TBC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0
Jacksdale Car Park	TBC	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	Friends of Cromford Canal £1.75k, NCC £1.75k & Walk on Group £0.4k	0	0	4
Total Rural Area		4	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4		0	0	4
Total Area		977	5	0	0	0	982	187	483	303		9	0	982

Report To:	CABINET	Date:	20 SEPTEMBER 2021
Heading:	PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AND PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY UPDATES		
Portfolio Holder:	CLLR SAMANTHA DEAKIN - PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR PARKS, TOWN CENTRES AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES		
Ward/s:	ALL WARDS		
Key Decision:	NO		
Subject to Call-In:	YES		

Purpose of Report

To provide a summary of progress on the action plan of the Public Open Space Strategy 2016 – 2026 and to provide a revised action plan.

To update on the timeframe for the Playing Pitch Strategy.

Recommendation(s)

- Cabinet to note progress on the delivery of the Public Open Space Strategy action plan from 2016 onwards.
- Cabinet to note the programme for the Playing Pitch Strategy
- Council to approve the mid-point review and update of the Public Open Space Strategy action plan.

Reasons for Recommendation(s)**Public Open Space Action Plan update**

It is five years since the strategy was completed and an update to the action plan is required to ensure that the plan remains fit for purpose and considered sound, as it is used for negotiating with developers for open space provision and financial contributions.

Playing Pitch Strategy update

To make Cabinet aware of the timeframe for the replacement strategy.

Alternative Options Considered

Not to accept the action plan update to the Public Open Space Strategy – **not recommended**, the strategy needs to be reviewed in order to ensure that it is fit for purpose and considered sound as it is used for negotiating with developers for open space provision and financial contributions.

Detailed Information

Public Open Space Action Plan Update

The Public Open Space Strategy provides a robust guidance and structure for the continued development and management of public open space including parks, cemeteries and allotments. The three key areas of focus are:

- Sustainable long-term management of public open spaces.
- Continued improvement of public spaces.
- Provision of new public open space and associated facilities through the development process.

Public open space makes an important contribution to quality of life by providing free, accessible provision at a local level making a significant contribution to health and wellbeing, social inclusion and physical regeneration. Public open space also contributes to vibrant neighbourhoods which attract people to want to live, work, visit and invest.

The Public Open Space Strategy provides a strategic framework for the maintenance and improvement of public open space. The strategy is part of the evidence base for the Council's emerging Local Plan and supports negotiations with housing developers for securing on-site open space on new developments and contributions towards off-site provision including sports pitches and facilities.

Action Plan update

- **Investment of over £4.3 million with 32 projects completed and 30 sites upgraded between 2016 and 2021:** These include play areas, skate parks and fitness areas across Jacksdale, Selston and Underwood / play areas, fitness areas, flood defence and art projects in Hucknall / play areas, footpath and habitat improvements in Sutton / play area and footpath and cycle network and ecology improvements in Kirkby.
- **Over 4.8km of footpath and cycle route improvements** including: Middle Lane to Lindrick Road and West Park, Kirkby, Ashfields Estate and Kings Mill to the A38, Sutton
- Retention of the **Green Flag Award at six sites** - the international standard for publicly accessible parks and green spaces. Work is ongoing to achieve an award for a seventh site for 2022
- Occupancy rates have increased and as of August 2021 vacant plots have reduced to **13 from 19**.
- Rolling events programme for public spaces – although the events programme is now focussed on supporting town centres, a number of events have been held on green spaces and include the cinema events being held at Titchfield Park, Hucknall, Sutton Lawn and Selston Country Park during September.
- Weekly Parkrun events take place at Brierley, Titchfield Park Hucknall and Sutton Lawn, Feel Good Family trails are provided at Brierley, Titchfield Park Hucknall, Kingsway and Sutton Lawn, with learn to cycle sessions at the three main town parks and the Leamington Goalz football project is due to start on Sutton Lawn during the October half-term.

- **Ashfield Local Football Facilities Plan (LFFP)** produced by the Football Association (FA) which identifies priority projects for the District which includes projects at Kingsway Park, Kirkby and Sutton Lawn. This supported the success in securing funding from the Towns Fund for these projects which will see **c.£4m invested in sports facilities**.
- Improvement and cemetery extension project completed at Sutton Cemetery increasing capacity by circa 800 burial plots

Updated Action Plan Key Points:

Parks and Open Space

- To update catchment areas of parks and open spaces including new and decommissioned sites (walking distance to a green space from residential areas)
- Develop and deliver projects included in the LFFP including Sutton Lawn and Kingsway Park.
- Update management plans for Green Flag award sites.

Allotments and Cemeteries

- Undertake quality assessment of cemetery and allotment sites.
- Develop accessible management plans for allotment and cemetery sites.

Playing Pitch Strategy

Work is underway on a replacement playing pitch strategy which forms part of the evidence base for the Council's Local Plan. The process includes:

- Engaging with the National Governing Bodies for outdoor sports, such as the Football Association and England Rugby;
- Undertaking a consultation with sports clubs and local leagues;
- Assessing the condition of outdoor sports provision across the District;
- Assessing survey results and calculating current and future demand for pitches;
- Developing an action plan to address the key issues identified.

Work on the strategy is due to be completed by spring 2022 and is being coordinated with the planned Park Buildings & Sports Pitches review which is starting in September.

Implications

Corporate Plan:

The Public Open Space Strategy contributes to realising the Council's vision for the Cleaner Greener priority of the Corporate Plan, through the following Key Projects, Programmes and Initiatives-

1. Continue to review, improve and rationalise green space facilities
2. Work towards a seventh Green Flag Award for parks for Kings Mill Reservoir
3. Continue to deliver a rolling programme of restoration and adopt a community protocol to protect war memorials
4. Refresh the Council's Cemetery Strategy to include the wider approach to bereavement services and memorials.

Legal: [RLD 02/09/2021]

There are no significant legal issues identified in the report. The report sets out the strategic links with the emerging Local Plan.

Finance:

Budget Area	Implication
General Fund – Revenue Budget	No implications
General Fund – Capital Programme	No implications
Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Budget	No implications
Housing Revenue Account – Capital Programme	No implications

Risk:

Risk	Mitigation
Not updating the public open space strategy to support negotiations with developers for open space provision and external funding strategies to secure third party grants.	The updated action plan and catchment areas for parks and open spaces provide the evidence base for future development and investment in parks, green space, sports pitches, cemeteries, and allotment sites.

Human Resources:

No implications identified.

Environmental/Sustainability

The Public Open Space Strategy underpins the vision and method for monitoring and evaluation, investment and continuous improvement leading to improved management and delivery processes.

Equalities:

No implications

Other Implications:

No implications

Reason(s) for Urgency

Not applicable

Reason(s) for Exemption

Not applicable

Background Papers

- *Public Open Space Strategy 2016-2026*
- *Action Plan Update 2021.*

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Objective	Action	Lead Team	Outcome/ measure, if required	Timescale
Priority 1. Appropriate distribution and linkages of green space and facilities across the District				
Ensure all residents can access a range of green spaces and facilities within a reasonable distance	1.1 Identify opportunities for upgrading sites/ providing additional facilities / landscape features to meet and improve standards	PW / NE	Gaps in provision reduced	2016-25
	1.2 Identify and develop new sites to meet the standards	PW / NE	Gaps in provision addressed	2016-25
	1.3 Undertake assessment of catchment areas for play and young people’s areas to establish whether there are any gaps in provision and any overprovision	PW	Gaps in provision/ overprovision addressed	2016-25
	1.4 Develop and improve green routes/ links (footpaths, cycleways and bridleways) within the Green Infrastructure network	PW	Linear metres of routes created/ improved	2016-25
	1.5 Update redundant plot list. Bring disused allotment plots back into use	NE	Number of plots brought into use	2016-25
August 2021 review				
<p>1.1 Over 32 projects have been completed and 30 sites upgraded between 2016 and 2021: Examples include; Play area, skate park and fitness areas across Jacksdale, Selston and Underwood / Play areas fitness areas, flood defence and art projects in Hucknall / Play areas, footpath & habitat improvements in Sutton / Play area, footpath & cycle network and ecology improvements in Kirkby.</p> <p>1.2 Ongoing through the development process: Hornbeam Park, Kirkby, Harrier Park, Hucknall. Huthwaite Welfare park Sutton and Selston Country Park.</p> <p>1.3 Play areas at Orchid Close, Forster Street, Kirkby, Pye Hill, Jacksdale, Charnwood Street, Sutton and Brand Lane, Sutton removed due to over-supply within catchment areas.</p> <p>1.4 Over 4.8km of footpath and cycle route improvements including: Middle lane to Lindrick Road & West Park Kirkby, Ashfields Estate & Kings Mill and A38, Sutton,</p> <p>1.5 Occupancy rates have increased and as of August 2021 vacant plots have reduced to 13 from 19.</p>				
Priority 2. Improving the quality of public spaces				
Improve quality of green spaces and civic spaces	2.1 Implement projects and deliver improvement in accordance with the site management plans.	PW / NE	No. Green Flag Awards No. spaces achieving good standard	2016-25
Improve quality of play and young people’s facilities on green spaces	2.2 Implement projects	PW	No. of areas achieving good standard	2016-25

Improve quality of sports provision on green spaces	2.3 Implement projects identified in the Playing Pitch Strategy and Local Football Facilities Plan (LFFP)	PW	No. of facilities achieving good standard	2016-25
Improve quality of allotment sites	2.4 Review policy and facilitate support for allotment societies	PW / NE	Number of sites self-managing	2016-25
	2.5 Undertake rolling programme of site quality audits for all sites	PW / NE	Improvements for all sites identified	2016-25
	2.6 Develop management plan for allotment sites – display management plan maps on sites.	PW / NE	Plan developed and installed.	2022-25
	2.7 Implement projects, including accessible allotment areas with raised beds	PW / NE	Number of sites improved	2022-25
Improve quality of cemetery sites	2.8 Undertake site quality audits for all sites	PW / NE	Improvements for all sites identified	2021-25
	2.9 Implement improvements to Sutton Cemetery including north boundary wall and access to cemetery extension.	PW / NE	Number of cemeteries improved	2016-25
Promote good design and management	2.10 Develop management plans for main sites and sites for nature conservation. Develop generic management plans for cemeteries, allotments and smaller green spaces. Display management plan maps/signs on cemetery grounds.	PW / NE	Site specific management plans updated bi-annually	2022-25
	2.11 Undertake quality audit every 5 years	NE	All public spaces to be rated as good	2020-25
<p>August 2021</p> <p>2.1 and 2.2 - 32 projects implemented, investment of over: £4.3 million between 2016 and 2021</p> <p>2.3 Projects identified within the LFFP due to be developed for Kingsway Park, Kirkby and Sutton Lawn through the Towns Fund Programme / Football Foundation c.£4m of investment. Working with the Lawn Tennis Association on an app based system to increase tennis participation. Improvements to tennis courts included in Sutton Lawn Towns Fund project and bowls pavilion within Kingsway project.</p> <p>2.4 One allotment society has been established providing a structure to replicate at other allotments</p> <p>2.5 Six sites are audited for the green flag assessments each year. A seventh site is bringing reviewed for a Green Flag submission in 2022.</p> <p>2.6 A new approach to be taken to display management plan maps on site from 2022 which will help visitors and delivery teams engage with the management of the sites.</p> <p>2.7 An audit to be undertaken autumn 2021 to inform further requirements.</p>				

<p>2.8 and 2.11 Quality audit due to be undertaken in summer 2022</p> <p>2.9 Improvement and cemetery extension project completed at Sutton Cemetery</p> <p>2.10 A new approach to be taken to display management plan maps on site from 2022 which will help visitors and delivery teams engage with the management of the sites.</p> <p>2.11 Annual inspections of allotments take place to ensure that tenants are adhering to conditions of their tenancy agreement and the condition of the site is of acceptable standard.</p>				
Priority 3. Increasing public satisfaction and use of public space				
Continue to address anti-social behaviour in public spaces; vandalism, dog fouling and littering	3.1 Undertake regular patrols	CP		2016-25
	3.2 Enforce Public Space Protection Orders	CP		2016-25
	3.3 Increase awareness and undertake initiatives, for example litter picks	CP		2016-25
Monitor and increase public satisfaction with green space	3.4 Undertake public survey every 5 years and or monitor usage of main parks and open spaces.	PW	Percentage increase in satisfaction and or use	2020-25
Support and develop volunteering and engagement	3.5 Ongoing referrals to support Environment Volunteers initiative	PW	No. of active volunteers	2016-25
	3.6 Promote Green Buddy scheme with local schools / groups through spring clean events etc.	PW / NE	No. of schools actively involved	2016-25
	3.7 Promote capacity for Friends groups to take active role in management tasks and events	PW / NE	No. active volunteers working on green spaces	2016-25
	3.8 Promote capacity for Corporate volunteering programme on parks and green spaces	PW / NE	No. of business involved and events held	2016-25
Raise the profile of public space and facilities through improved marketing	3.9 Develop events programme for public spaces	PW / NE	Calendar of events developed	2016-25
	3.10 Encourage and support groups to hold events/ festivals etc.	PW	Use of public space increased	2016-25
	3.11 Promote sites for commercial uses	PW / NE	Income increased	2016-25
	3.12 Rationalise and provide signage at all sites	PW		2017- 25
Develop educational opportunities	3.13 Support Forest Schools initiative at main sites	PW / NE	No. of Forest Schools established	2016-25

Develop sport and health activities and initiatives	3.14 Provide events, e.g. Tri 123, Xplore orienteering sessions, Push 4 Fitness group for parents with push chairs etc	PW	No. activities per year	2016-25
	3.15 Develop running and walking routes on parks, focusing on health inequality areas, including park run, cycle events etc.	PW	Number of routes developed / events held	2016-25
Improve accessibility to public spaces and green links/ ensure new spaces are fully accessible	3.16 Develop design codes for green space, civic space, play and young people's areas	PW	Codes developed and in use	2016-25
	3.17 Undertake access audits to public spaces and prioritise site improvements	PW		2016-25
	3.18 Remove remaining 'A' frames from sites	PW	All 'A' frame barriers removed	2016-25
	3.19 Develop access standards for public space	PW		2016-18
<p>August 2021 review</p> <p>3.1-3.3 actions ongoing, PSPO reviewed and being updated in September</p> <p>3.4 Place Survey due to be undertaken in 2021/22</p> <p>3.5. 173 Environment Volunteers registered up to 2020 – Website and available resources are being update autumn 2021.</p> <p>3.9 Develop events programme for public spaces – events programme now focussed on supporting town centres</p> <p>3.14/ 3.15 Weekly parkrun events (Brierley, Titchfield Park Hucknall and Sutton Lawn), Feel Good Family trails (Brierley, Titchfield Park Hucknall, Kingsway, Sutton Lawn), Learn to cycle sessions (Sutton Lawn, Kingsway Park, Titchfield Park Hucknall), Leamington Goalz football project to start on Sutton Lawn soon. Routes marked out on parks including Kingsway Park, Titchfield Park and Sutton Lawn.</p> <p>3.16 To be reviewed Spring 2022</p> <p>3.17 Audits to be undertaken Spring 2022</p> <p>3.18 Continue removal / upgrading of access barriers</p> <p>3.19 To be reviewed Spring 2022</p>				
Priority 4. Ensuring sustainable and effective management of public spaces				
Increase income generation/ reduce costs	4.1 Review and align Section 106 maintenance contributions	PW / NE	Increased income for maintenance	2016-25
	4.2 Analyse areas of high cost and identify potential savings	NE	Reduced costs	2016-25

	4.3 Review and improve income and outputs from open space assets	NE	Reduced costs/ increased income / sustainability	2017-25
	4.4 Explore potential for sports clubs to self-manage/ lease facilities	NE	Reduced costs/ potential grant funding	2017 -25
Identify, manage and enhance key sites of ecological value	4.5 Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Local Nature Reserves, sites identified through Biodiversity Opportunity Mapping (BOM)	NE / PW		2016-25
<p>August 2021 review</p> <p>4.1 Section 106 maintenance contributions – the monitoring process for S106 income for public open space (S106) and active travel (TR6) to be update autumn 2021.</p> <p>4.2 and 4.3 Park Buildings & Sports Pitches review starting in September</p> <p>4.4 Progress has been made supporting clubs to have licence and management agreements.</p> <p>4.5 Project development is progressing on Portland Park, Kirkby. Mapping of tree planting opportunities has been completed and funding opportunities have been identified.</p>				

Report To:	CABINET	DATE:	20TH SEPTEMBER 2021
Heading:	TOWNS FUND AND FUTURE HIGH STREETS FUND		
Portfolio Holder:	CLLR MATTHEW RELF, PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR REGENERATION AND PLANNING		
Ward/s:	ALL KIRKBY AND SUTTON		
Key Decision:	YES		
Subject to Call-In:	YES		

Purpose of Report

To agree actions to support delivery of the Towns Fund project programme and to provide an update to Cabinet on the Towns Fund and Future High Streets programmes.

Recommendation(s)

- 1. To recommend that Council accept the Early Release Towns Fund Capital Funding, includes the funding within the Capital Programme and delegates allocation of the funds to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Planning and S151 Officer, in consultation with the Discover Ashfield Board**
- 2. To delegate the approval of the Towns Fund project business cases to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Planning and S151 Officer in consultation with the Discover Ashfield Board**
- 3. To note progress on the Towns Fund and Future High Streets programmes.**

Reasons for Recommendation(s)**Early Release Towns Fund Capital Funding**

To support project delivery the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) will be releasing an early payment of 5% (£3.13m) of the total Heads of Terms offer of £62.6m. The funding will need to be included within the Capital Programme so that the funding can be used to develop the projects and business cases.

Alternative Options Considered

Not to accept the Early Release Towns Fund Capital Funding and not to delegate allocation of the funds – not recommended as the funding is required to be able to progress with project and business case development to ensure efficient delivery of the project programme. Delegating authority will ensure that decisions can be made as and when needed to avoid delays to the programme. Not recommended

Not to delegate the approval of the Towns Fund project business cases to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Planning and S151 Officer in consultation with the Discover Ashfield Board. Delegating authority will ensure that decisions can be made as and when needed to avoid delays to the programme. Not recommended

Detailed Information

- **Early Release Towns Fund Capital Funding**

To support project delivery MHCLG will be releasing an early payment of 5% (£3.13m) of the total Heads of Terms offer of £62.6m. The payment will be made once MHCLG has approved the project confirmation documents. This process is anticipated to take up to two months following submission of the documents.

It is proposed to nominally allocate 5% of the Towns Fund offer to each project which has a capital allocation as per the table below. The £3.13m will need to be spent before further funding can be released by MHCLG. For projects which require more than the 5% a report will be taken to the Discover Ashfield Board for consideration. The funding can be spent on business case development and on direct project delivery. MHCLG will bear the risk for any of the 5% spent on project development should the project not be realised and will not seek to claw back the funding. The funding would be taken off the Towns Fund Deal value and the introduction of a replacement project would require a negotiation and assessment process.

Project	Capital TF offer £m	5% £m
Ashfield Civil Engineering Centre	2.103	0.11
Ashfield Construction Centre	6.981	0.35
Automated Distribution and Manufacturing Centre	19.000	0.95
Cycling and Walking Routes	1.938	0.10
Enterprise in Ashfield	Revenue	
Green Ashfield	2.200	0.11
High Street Property Fund	0.900	0.05
Kings Mill Reservoir Leisure Development	2.544	0.13
Kingsway Sports Hub	0.734	0.04
Library Innovation Centres	0.588	0.03
North Kirkby Gateway	10.539	0.53
Portland Square Refurbishment	0.730	0.04
Portland Street Sustainable Housing	0.759	0.04
Science Discovery Centre & Planetarium	2.250	0.11
Sutton Lawn Sports Hub	1.533	0.08
Visitor Digital Offer	0.215	0.01
West Kirkby Gateway	4.462	0.22
Total	57.476	2.87
Early Release Towns Fund Capital Funding		3.13
Unallocated		0.26

- **Project business cases**

Business cases are being developed for each of the projects and summaries of the business cases will be submitted to MHCLG in batches once they have passed through the Local Assurance process. In order to maintain an efficient process it is recommended that approval of the project business cases is delegated to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Planning and S151 Officer in consultation with the Discover Ashfield Board.

- **Towns Fund and Future High Streets programmes update**

3.1 Future High Streets Fund

The Memorandum of Understanding for the funding has been signed and the Monitoring and Evaluation information prepared and sent to MHCLG.

Sutton Academy Theatre: Stage Right theatre consultants have now been appointed to steer the project scoping, detailed design and delivery. Stakeholder workshops are planned for early September whilst the procurement phase for an architectural theatre consultant is progressed.

Low Street purchase, refurbishment and re-purposing of properties: A consultant has now been appointed to lead the design development and construction delivery stage of the former

Yorkshire Bank and YMCA properties. The design development stage commenced at the end of August. Early discussions are progressing for potential ground floor tenants of both properties.

Options are being explored for working in partnership with the landowner of 2-4 Low Street. A consultant has been engaged to undertake an options appraisal to inform the next stages.

Fox Street pop-up food area & car park: Site surveys are progressing including ecology, topographical and geotechnical. A consultant has been appointed to progress the management of invasive plant species which have been identified on the site. The ecology survey identified nesting birds on site therefore all remediation work and invasive ground investigation work has been postponed until after the nesting season. The project programme and risk log are being reprofiled accordingly.

Maker Space and business units: The offer for the building was agreed and the conveyancing of the property is progressing. The completion of the sale is anticipated in early September, subject to contract.

A consultant has been procured to lead the design development and construction delivery stage.

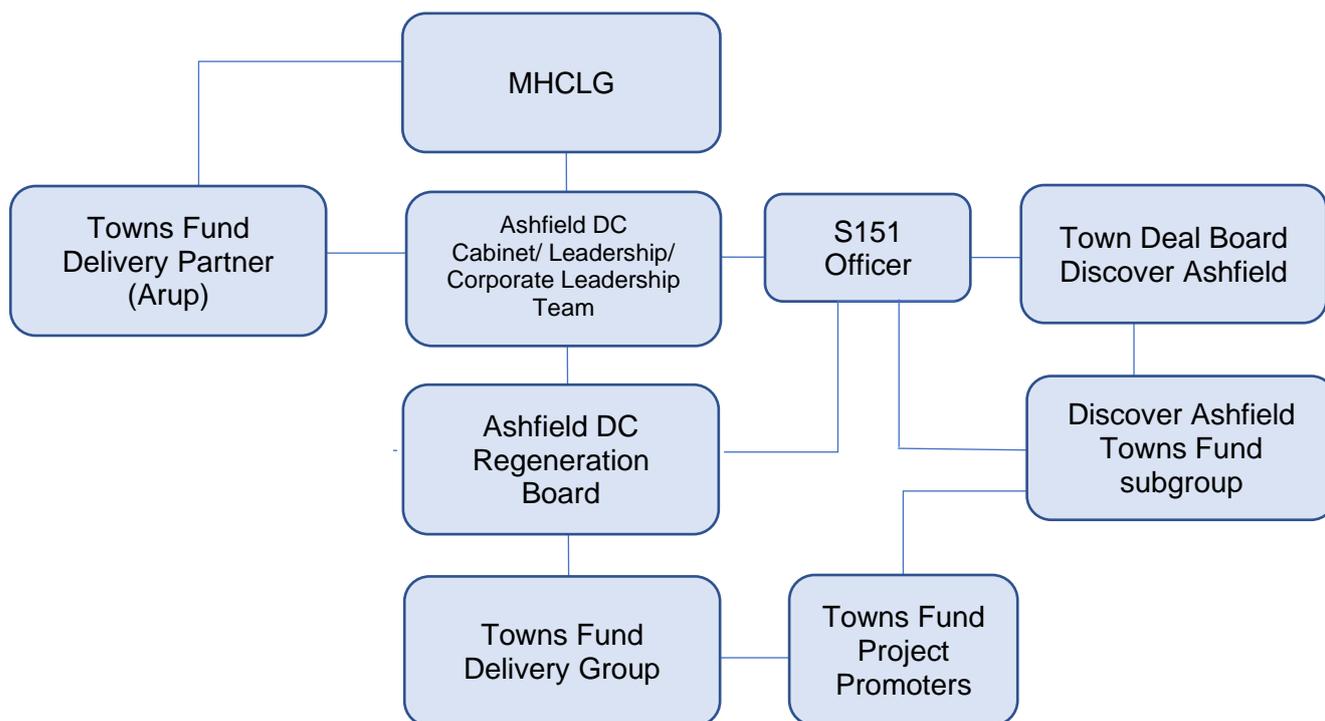
There has been some initial interest in the business units. Next stages include exploring options and developing partnerships and the operating model for the maker space.

3.2 Towns Fund

The Heads of Terms have been signed by MHCLG and returned. The next step of the process is to confirm details of the projects being taken forward and a plan for addressing the conditions. As part of this work we are reviewing the project programme and will confirm the target date for submission of the business cases which will be submitted in a number of batches.

The Town Investment Plan for Kirkby and Sutton which was submitted to MHCLG is being updated and condensed, the revised plan will be brought to Cabinet and Full Council in November and December respectively for approval and adoption. The plan is also required to be published as part of the Towns Fund process.

The Towns Fund governance structure is as follows:



Project sponsors and project managers have been invited to attend the monthly Towns Fund Delivery Group meetings from September onwards to report on the progress of projects and business case development.

Two Q&A sessions have been held with Council Members to discuss the Towns Fund projects. The sessions were well attended and there was positive feedback about the overall programme.

Following review by MHCLG a final draft of the Local Assurance Framework (LAF) has been produced which sets out the process of approval for the business cases.

The procurement process to appoint a project management company for the delivery of the project programmes for Towns Fund and Future High Streets is currently out to advert.

Project development is progressing including partnership development and stakeholder engagement with the NHS for North Kirkby Gateway, private sector developers for North Kirkby Gateway and West Kirkby Gateway and project development with Nottinghamshire County Council for the Kings Mill Reservoir project.

The business case for NTU's Enterprising Ashfield project is being prepared. Work is progressing well with the development of the ADMC (Automated Distribution and Manufacturing Centre). The project team is meeting monthly and a meeting was held with the MTC Catapult Centre on 31st August to discuss joint working. The project manager continues to meet local and regional employers to promote the project and gain market insight, and work has begun to engage a marketing consultant.

Accelerated Towns Fund projects

Kirkby

Moor Market: The main construction works to create the new market have been completed. A bespoke café counter has been commissioned and was installed at the end of the August. A tenant has been secured for the café and dialogue with other prospective traders is ongoing. The new café is due to open on Saturday 25th September.

Cycle network – The construction phase of the network improvements is now being procured. Some adjustments have been made to the routes linking Sherwood Business Park to Nuncargate due to landowner consent issues. The works are due to commence October / November.

Hornbeam Park: The play area construction is near completion with the safety surfacing installation works complete. The landowner / developer have been progressing slowly with the infrastructure and landscaping works which has delayed the completion of the play park and adoption of the site by the Council. An action plan for the completion and adoption has been agreed which includes opening the park to the public whilst the adoption process is progressed.

Sutton

Low Street: The purchase of 14 Low Street was completed on 2nd June. Initial work to tidy up the building signage is progressing. The conveyancing of an additional property is near completion, the purchase has been delayed due to minor contract clarifications.

Newstart Hall: Works have been completed to the Portland College building. Work is progressing to complete works to the upstairs floor of the Portland Pathways building on Outram Street.

Implications

Corporate Plan: Economic Growth and Place, Key Projects, Programmes and Initiatives;

- Town Centres. We will:- 1. Deliver key masterplans, including town centres and railway stations 2. Revitalise and re-purpose town centres by:- a. Bringing empty buildings back into use b. Diversifying the town centre economy c. Capitalising on external funding
- District Wide Physical Regeneration. We will:- Support economic growth by:- 1. Delivering the Future High Streets and Towns Fund programmes 3. Continue working with proprietors of dilapidated and empty buildings to help bring them back into use.

Legal: [RLD 02/09/2021]

No legal issues identified in respect of the recommendations in this report. Legal advice and support will be / is being provided in respect of each project.

Finance:

Budget Area	Implication
General Fund – Revenue Budget	No implications at this stage

General Fund – Capital Programme	Early Release Towns Fund Capital Funding to be added to the Capital Programme to support development and delivery of the business cases. (£3.13m)
Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Budget	No implications identified
Housing Revenue Account – Capital Programme	No implications identified

Risk:

Risk	Mitigation
Lack of funding to develop projects and business cases for the Towns Fund programme	The confirmation of 5% of the Towns Fund offer means that there will be sufficient funding for the design and development of all of the Towns Fund projects.

Human Resources:

No HR issues identified.

Environmental/Sustainability

Environmental sustainability is a key requirement for Towns Fund and projects will designed and delivered in the most sustainable way possible.

Equalities:

No equalities issues identified.

Other Implications:

Not applicable

Reason(s) for Urgency

Not applicable

Reason(s) for Exemption

Not applicable

Background Papers

Not applicable

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Report To:	COUNCIL	Date:	23 SEPTEMBER 2021
Heading:	MINUTES OF CABINET AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS PUBLISHED SINCE THE LAST ORDINARY MEETING ON 29 JULY 2021		
Portfolio Holder:	LEADER, COUNCILLOR JASON ZADROZNY		
Ward/s:	N/A		
Key Decision:	N/A		
Subject To Call-In:	N/A		

Purpose Of Report

To present a list of minutes of Cabinet and Committee meetings which have been published since the last ordinary meeting of the Council and for Members to consider whether they wish to give notice of their intention to ask a question of the relevant Chairman under Council Procedure Rule 13.2.

Background

As part of the 2013 annual review of the Constitution, approved by the Council on 6 June 2013, the former practice of printing the minutes of Cabinet and Committees within the Council agenda papers was discontinued and replaced with an index that lists the minutes published since the previous meeting of the Council. The index outlined below and the web link enables Members to access the minutes on the Council website for perusal as required.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.2, Members may give notice of their intention to ask a question of a relevant Chairman in respect of the published minutes. Questions are limited to a maximum of two per Member.

MINUTES PUBLISHED SINCE 29 JULY 2021.

The minutes are accessible via the Council website.

Committee Meeting:	Date of Meeting:
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	17 June 2021
Scrutiny Panel A	15 July 2021

Cabinet	19 July 2021
Planning Committee	21 July 2021
Scrutiny Panel B	22 July 2021
Audit Committee	26 July 2021
Covid-19 Recovery Scrutiny Panel	27 July 2021

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