## SOUTH RIBBLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

# ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014

# THE DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION IN THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SOUTH RIBBLE PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER 2017

South Ribble Borough Council ("the Council") under Part 4, Section 59 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 ("the Act") hereby makes the following Order:

- 1. This Order comes into force on 3rd November 2017 for a period of three years
- This Order supersedes the following:
  The Dogs on Leads by Direction in the Borough of South Ribble Order 2009
- 3. This Order applies to the public places specified in the Schedule below ("the Restricted Area")
- **4.** The Council is satisfied that the two conditions set out in Section 59 of the Act have been met, in that:
  - (1) activities carried on in the Restricted Area as described below have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, or it is likely that these activities will be carried on in the public place and they will have such an effect;
  - (2) the effect, or likely effect, of the activities is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature, is, or is likely to be, such as to make the activities unreasonable, and justifies the restrictions imposed by the Order.

#### **OFFENCE**

- (1) A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time, on any land in the Restricted Area he does not comply with a direction given to him by an authorised officer of the Authority to put and keep the dog on a lead and keep the same under control 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 consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.
  - (2) 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) an authorised officer of the Authority may only give a direction under this Order 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 Order applies) or the worrying or disturbance of any animal or bird;
    - (c) an 'authorised officer of the Authority' means any person who is authorised in writing by the Authority for the purposes of giving directions under this Order;

(d) a "lead" shall be taken to mean a chord of two metres or less in length that is appropriately and securely attached to the dog for the purposes of allowing the person in control of the dog to hold or restrain that dog

#### PENALTY

6. By virtue of section 67 of the Act a person who is guilty of an offence under this Order shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale

#### **FIXED PENALTIES**

7. By virtue of section 68 of the Act a constable or authorised person of the Authority may issue a fixed penalty notice not exceeding £100 to anyone he or she has reason to believe has committed an offence under section 67 of the Act in relation to this Order

#### **APPEALS**

8. Any challenge to this Order must be made at the High Court within six weeks of the Order being made, and must by an individual who lives in, regularly works in or visits the Restricted Area.

Interested persons can challenge the validity of the Order on two grounds: that the Council did not have the power to make the Order or to include particular prohibitions or requirements; or that one of the requirements of the legislation has not been complied with.

When an application is made, the High Court can decide to suspend the operation of the Order pending the Court's decision, in part or in totality. The High Court has the ability to uphold the Order, quash it, or vary it.

### SCHEDULE

# Description of public places to which order applies

This Order applies to all public places within the administrative area in the Borough of South Ribble and which is:

- (i) Open to the air on at least one side and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment) within the Borough of South Ribble including but not limited to parks, public open spaces and highways in the area.
- (ii) Access Land within the meaning of S1(1) Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 including, but not limited to, Longton Brickcroft Nature Reserve and Access Land to Longton Marsh (shown edged red for identification purposes on the plans attached hereto).

IN WITNESS whereof the Council have caused the Common Seal of the South Ribble Borough Council to be hereunto fixed this. 3.5.2......day of. Nove. 2017

EXECUTED AS A DEED by SOUTH RIBBLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

by affixing its Common Seal the day and year first written above

Authorised Signatory

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