

## AMENDMENT

### Rother District Council

**Report to:** Cabinet

**Date:** 9 October 2023

**Title:** Public Spaces Protection Order (No 1-2024) - Dog Control

**Report of:** Richard Parker-Harding – Head of Environmental Services, Licensing and Community Safety

**Cabinet Member:** Councillor Field

**Ward(s):** All

**Purpose of Report:** To seek authority to consult Sussex Police, the Police and Crime Commissioner, East Sussex County Council (Highways) about making the Order.

**Decision Type:** Key

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### Amendment to Para 16:

#### **Rye Cemetery (owned by Rother District Council)**

Option 1 dogs on short leads being allowed in Rye Cemetery or Option 2 no dogs except on the right of way footpath through Rye Cemetery. The dogs on the footpath would also be required to be on short leads.

Option 1 76%

Option 2 24%

#### Rye Town Council proposed Option 1:

Preference for dogs to be allowed anywhere on the site – but on a short lead. Rye Town Council considers that dogs should be permitted to accompany those visiting graves – subject to the dog being on a short lead.

**Officer recommendation: Option 2 because of the risk of dogs running over graves, desecrating the graves and thereby causing distress to the bereaved. This is also the status quo.**