

## **Councillors Written Questions and the Responses**

### **Full Council – 14 December 2022**

#### **1. Question to Councillor Chris Mullins (Cabinet Member for Wellbeing) from Councillor Crow**

- 1 *The Council's PSPO banning all dogs off leads in most of Tilgate Park and the Golf Course came into effect on September 1st. In the first three months of this PSPO until the end of November, how many fines have been issued for breaches of it?*
- 2 *If any fines have been issued, please provide a breakdown of the locations where they were issued, into around the lakes and nearby lawns, the Golf Course area, and elsewhere in the park.*

#### **Response**

- 1 **No fixed penalty notices (fines) have been issued by the Community Warden Team during the first three months as there has been a 98% compliance rate when Officers gave instruction to individuals who did not have their dog on a lead, with the remaining 2% leaving the restricted area immediately.**
- 2 **N/A**

#### **2. Question to Councillor Chris Mullins (Cabinet Member for Wellbeing) from Councillor Jaggard**

*Since the Tilgate Park PSPO came into effect on September 1st, please state in relation to Tilgate Park:*

1. *How many occasions have there been of dog owners whose dogs were observed off the lead by council employees on duty, being advised of the PSPO and asked to put a lead on their dog, but not having been fined?*
2. *How many instances of anti-social behaviour involving dogs off leads in Tilgate Park were reported to the council from 1 September to 30 November 2022?*
3. *How many instances of anti-social behaviour involving dogs off leads in Tilgate Park were reported to the council from 1 September to 30 November 2021?*
4. *How many hours of Community Warden patrols have been undertaken within all of Tilgate Park since the PSPO came into effect?*

5. *How many hours of Community Warden patrols have been undertaken within the Golf Course area since the PSPO came into effect?*

### **Response**

1. Since the PSPO was introduced, the Community Wardens have engaged with individuals whose dogs were not on a lead within the restricted area on 62 occasions. On all occasions the individuals complied and were, therefore, not issued a fixed penalty notice.
2. The Community Warden team have received one complaint regarding a dog not being controlled during this period.
3. No complaints were received during this time period.
4. The Community Warden Team have carried out approximately 75 hours of patrolling time within Tilgate Park since the PSPO came into effect.
5. The Community Warden Team have carried out approximately 10 hours of patrols specific to the Golf Course area since the PSPO came into effect. It should be noted that there are additional personal safety risks to officer safety whilst patrolling the course when it is in active use and so alternative patrolling methods are being explored to increase patrols in this area.