

Openness and Transparency Regulations 2014

Record of Officer Decision Taken Under Delegated Powers

Title of Officer Taking Decision

Corporate & Policy Officer

Nature of Decision

12 Months Exclusion from all Town Council Parks and Play Areas, Newton Aycliffe.

Date on Which Decision Taken

26th May 2023

Reasons for Decision

Theft, causing damage to property, threatening, bullying and intimidatory behaviour

The decision to exclude [REDACTED], address unknown, Newton Aycliffe (Police to deliver notice) was due incidents in the Town Park where [REDACTED] is accused of stealing scooters, ripping up plants, bullying, intimidating and threatening other youths, slapping and pouring water and lemonade on other park users.

Details of Any Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

Park Patrol Officers have tried to deal with previous matters through restorative justice and educating the youth of actions and consequences, which clearly did not work.

Record of Any Conflict of Interest Declared by a Member Consulted on the Decision

Not applicable.

Details of Any Report (Including Background papers) Considered in Reaching the Decision

(Note: Any relevant documentation note disclosing confidential information should be attached to the decision notice)

Statements from the Park Patrol Officers and Works & Environment Manager.

It is considered that any continued unacceptable behaviour in any Town Council park or play area will result in an exclusion as per the Town Council Exclusion Policy.

Bad behaviour if left unchallenged leads to an increase in similar acts and incidents, and possible escalation to spitting, as the young people will feel they can 'get away with it' and there will be no consequences.