# Openness and Transparency Regulations 2014 Record of Officer Decision Taken Under Delegated Powers

#### **Title of Officer Taking Decision**

Corporate & Policy Officer

**Nature of Decision** 

6 Months Exclusion from Town Park, Newton Aycliffe.

**Date on Which Decision Taken** 

9 April 2024

#### **Reasons for Decision**

# Anti-social behaviour, Abusive Language to Staff, Refusal to follow staff instructions

The decision to exclude and address unknown, Newton Aycliffe (Police to deliver notice) was due incidents in the Town Park where demonstrated antisocial behaviour, used abusive language to staff and refused to follow staff instruction.

#### **Details of Any Alternative Options Considered and Rejected**

Park Patrol Officers 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

It is considered that any continued unacceptable behaviour in any Town Council parks or play areas 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, as the young people will feel they can 'get away with it' and there will be no consequences.