

# **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, Play Areas and Facilities,  
Newton Aycliffe.

### **Date on Which Decision Taken**

29<sup>th</sup> June 2026

### **Reasons for Decision**

**Causing damage to property, health and safety risk to park users, anti-social behaviour and cruelty to wildlife**

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 causing damage to property and creating a safety risk to other park users, anti-social behaviour and targeting wildlife with a catapult.

### **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.