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**Report to:** Matthew Hooper – Director of Public Protection

**Date:** 09/10/2023

**Subject:** **Decision to make minor and clarificatory amendments to the Thames Path PSPO**

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**Responsible Director:** Bram Kainth, Strategic Director of Environment

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## SUMMARY

This report seeks authorisation to amend the Thames Path Public Space Protection Order agreed by the Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion & Community Safety on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023. This is in line with the delegation agreed by the Cabinet Member on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

The amendment being sought changes which types of bicycles are permitted to ride on the Thames Path. The original order prohibited the use of all e-bikes on the Thames Path. This report seeks to add an exemption for e-bikes which comply with the Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycles (Amendment) Regulations 2015.

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## RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Director of Public Protection:

1. Approves the minor variation of the Thames Path Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to create an exemption for e-bikes which comply with the Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycle (Amendment) Regulations 2015.

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**Wards Affected:** Ravenscourt, Hammersmith Broadway, Fulham Reach, Munster, Palace and Hurlingham, and Sands End

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## Financial Impact

There are no financial implications arising from the recommendation in this report. The cost of any required changes to signage is expected to be minimal, and will be contained within existing budgets.

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*Implications completed by Kellie Gooch, Head of Finance (Environment), 5 October 2023.*

### **Legal Implications**

Consideration has been given to the clarity of language of the PSPO to ensure that the prohibitions are proportionate and allow for its effective enforcement

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### **DETAILED ANALYSIS & REASON FOR DECISION**

Following a review of the Thames Path PSPO to ensure the scope and function of the PSPO is as clear as possible to all, clarification has been provided regarding what constitutes an "E-bike". It is agreed that Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycles (EAPCs) present a reduced risk in comparison to other e-bikes, based on the fact EAPC speeds are limited. For this reason it is no longer recommended that EAPCs be prohibited from the Thames Path.