

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting19th January 2017

1. Title of Item/Report

Scrutiny Review of Dog Fouling Enforcement

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that presented the Crime and Disorder Select Committee findings following the Scrutiny Review of Dog Fouling Enforcement.

The Committee's report made recommendations to assist the Council in providing an appropriate response to the level of dog fouling incidents that were a regular concern to residents reported to Members.

The review was undertaken at the request of the Lead Cabinet Member initially to examine the use of dog DNA to identify dogs and subsequently their owners failing to dispose of the faeces responsibly. The review also scrutinised other aspects of enforcement.

RESOLVED that:-

1. SBC continue to use all means possible to counteract the problem of dog fouling subject to resource availability.
2. SBC review its dog fouling education support materials to encourage the public to provide more detail of offending dog owners, where possible, to more effectively target enforcement activity
3. Consideration be given to introducing a borough-wide Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) covering dog fouling related issues, taking account of pilot schemes elsewhere in the Country and resource constraints.
4. Consideration be given to the provision of permanent signage required in the borough if a PSPO is introduced.
5. SBC continue to monitor the use of dog DNA profiling and consider introduction if found to provide a cost effective dog fouling reduction measure.

6. SBC give support to the introduction of a national licensing scheme in order to support the effective use of DNA profiling.

7. SBC continue to work in partnership to support campaigns to get dogs micro chipped.

3. Reasons for the Decision

The Crime and Disorder Select Committee's Review of Dog Fouling Enforcement has examined the Council's approach to dealing with the issue of dog owners failing to dispose of their dog's faeces even though the Council has provided facilities throughout the borough and so provides alternative approaches.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight, 27 January 2017

Proper Officer
23 January 2017