

Action Plan – Review of Dog Fouling Enforcement – Crime and Disorder Select Committee

No.	Recommendation	Proposed Actions/Progress	Success Measures	Responsibility	Date
1.	SBC continue to use all means possible to counteract the problem of dog fouling subject to resource availability.	Vacant post and long term sickness absence in the Animal Welfare team has severely reduced the capacity to carry out dog fouling patrols and react to service requests.	Maintain number of patrols and response rates to service requests	Colin Snowdon	07/03/2017
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	Support Materials to be ammended when Animal Welfare team back to full strength	Support Material ammended and increased level of targetted warning letters identified.	Mark Berry	01/10/2017
3.	Consideration is 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.	Consider success of schemes in Redcar and others nationally after a period of operation	PSPO scheme proven to be effective that can be used as a model for SBC	Colin Snowdon	01/04/2018
4.	Consideration is given to the provision of permanent signage required in the borough if a PSPO is introduced.	As 3.	Funding secured for effective signage requirements	Colin Snowdon	01/04/2018

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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.	Regular review of schemes implemented elsewhere ie Barking and Dagenham	DNA profiling scheme proven to be cost effective that can be used as a model for SBC	Mark Berry	01/04/2018
6.	SBC give support to the introduction of a national licensing scheme in order to support the effective use of DNA profiling.	Mark Berry to lobby at national level through the LGA to support a national licensing scheme for dogs that would be required to make DNA profiling effective.	Dog Licensing scheme to be adopted	Mark Berry	Ongoing
7.	SBC continue to work in partnership to support campaigns to get dogs micro chipped.	Maintain dog microchipping service Publicity on microchipping – Stockton news article. Customers advised of need to update microchip when changing address with Council Tax. High level of microchipping due to new legislation April 2016	Increase in number of Dogs microchipped	Mark Berry	07/03/17