

### Progress Update – Review of Dog Fouling Enforcement

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Date	Progress Update to Committee Dec 2017	Assessment of Progress Dec 17 (Categories 1 – 4)
1.	SBC continue to use all means possible to counteract the problem of dog fouling subject to resource availability.	Colin Snowdon	07/03/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Proactive / reactive targeted patrols continued at a reduced level due to loss of post in Animal Welfare following Env Health review.</li> <li>▪ Maintained provision of free dog fouling bags.</li> <li>▪ Potential for 0.25 FTE from Animal Health post (to be advertised) to be re-directed to focus on education / enforcement projects.</li> </ul>	1
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	Mark Berry	01/10/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Existing education material reviewed and retained</li> <li>▪ Increased access via self-serve / website.</li> <li>▪ As highlighted above 0.25 FTE to focus on education projects.</li> </ul>	2
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.	Colin Snowdon	01/04/2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lack of sound evidence base to justify measurable environmental improvement – legislation already in place covering whole borough.</li> <li>▪ Time and resource to implement restrictive.</li> <li>▪ Reduced staff in AW and Neighbourhood Enforcement limit enforcement of scheme.</li> </ul>	1

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4.	Consideration is given to the provision of permanent signage required in the borough if a PSPO is introduced.	Colin Snowdon	01/04/2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Linked to 3 above significant capital cost required.</li> </ul>	1
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.	Mark Berry	01/04/2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No progress on expansion of scheme from a pilot project.</li> <li>▪ Unless facilitated via new national legislation requiring a dog licensing scheme incorporating DNA, unlikely to achieve necessary compliance.</li> </ul>	1
6.	SBC give support to the introduction of a national licensing scheme in order to support the effective use of DNA profiling.	Mark Berry	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Government missed opportunity when introducing recent microchipping legislation.</li> <li>▪ No evidential buy in from central government</li> </ul>	1
7.	SBC continue to work in partnership to support campaigns to get dogs micro chipped.	Mark Berry	07/03/17 - Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continued bimonthly microchipping surgeries in partnership with DT free microchips</li> <li>▪ Light touch approach with 21 day notices on non-compliant dog owners that pass through stray dog service</li> <li>▪ Enforcement against those that don't comply</li> </ul>	1

***Assessment of progress:***

1	Achieved (Fully)
2	On Track but not yet due for completion
3	Slipped
4	Not Achieved