

Progress Update – Animal Welfare and Dog Fouling

Number	Recommendation	Responsibility	Anticipated Completion Date/ Completion Date	Evidence of progress 16/11/09	Assessment of progress (Categories 1-4) 16/11/09
1	Ensure that dog waste bins are GIS located and that this information is available on the SBC web site.	Head of Direct Services / Head of Community Protection	Sep-09	Collation of bin sites completed but requires updating prior to going on web site.	3 – Slipped
2	To improve the reduction of dog fouling in the borough such incidents should be GIS recorded and that this information be available through the FLARE system	Head of Customer Services & Taxation / Head of Community Protection	Jan-10	GIS reports on dog fouling will be available through existing LAGAN link when connector from LAGAN to FLARE is in place	2 – On Track
3	The call centre to include asking for the nearest lamp post number to assist locating dog fouling on the GIS system if an identifiable address can not be provided.	Head of Customer Services & Taxation	Sep-09	Lamp post number used when identifiable address not provided, but will be superceded by use of GIS when LAGAN connector in place	1 – Fully Achieved
4	To explore the possibility of Dog Control Orders, as per the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, for specified areas including enclosed children's play areas and associated public seating areas.	Head of Culture & Leisure / Head of Direct Services	Dec-09	Ongoing	2 – On Track
5	To introduce a pilot scheme of biodegradable pavement painted stencils in known areas of dog fouling to act as an additional reminder to dog owners to act responsibly.	Head of Community Protection	Aug-09	Pavement painted stencils currently in use on Proactive Dog Fouling Patrol Programme since 21/09/09	1 – Fully Achieved

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6	The Council turn it's attention to dog fouling problems on and around school grounds and on footpaths that are used to access school grounds and Safe Routes to School to try and minimise the incidence of children being exposed to a potential health and safety hazard.	Head of Community Protection	Aug-09	Animal Enforcement team back to full strength and priority being given to complaints regarding school fields since 01/08/09. School fields and playing fields also given priority for inclusion in Proactive Dog Fouling Patrol Programme since 21/09/09. eg Harlod Wilson field 21/09/09-04/10/09 and Billingham Campus School fields 02/11/09- 15/11/09	1- Fully Achieved
7	To continue to use responsible dog ownership education packages in schools and explore the expansion of its delivery when budgetary pressures allow.	Head of Community Protection	March 2010 and ongoing	Enforcement remains priority until March 2010 but aiming to establish education programme for 2010/11.	2 – On Track
8	The Committee recommend that the Council proactively lobby local MPs to campaign for the introduction of compulsory dog registration and micro-chipping of dogs.	Head of Community Protection	May-09	Completed May 09	1 – Fully Achieved