

REPORT TO PLACE SELECT COMMITTEE

15 June 2026

# Scrutiny Review of Animal Welfare, Kennelling, and Protection of Pets

## Summary

The first evidence session for the Committee's review of Animal Welfare, Kennelling, and Protection of Pets will consider evidence from key Council Services that support animal welfare, Licensing and Adult Social Care.

## Detail

1. As part of the scoping process, the Committee identified Licensing as a key contributor to the review. Officers from Licensing have therefore been invited to give evidence regarding their role in supporting and ensuring high standards of animal welfare in the Borough and a report is attached.
2. The Committee also identified Adult Social Care as a key contributor to give evidence regarding the support given to look after/rehome pets of individuals going into hospital or care. Officers from Adults Health and Wellbeing have also been invited to the meeting and a report is attached.
3. The Environmental Health Service Manager will be in attendance to give further information regarding the Animal Welfare Service to build on the presentation given at the May meeting.
4. A copy of the agreed scope and project plan for the review is attached for information.

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