

REPORT TO PLACE SELECT COMMITTEE

13 July 2026

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

Summary

The second evidence session for the Committee's review of Animal Welfare, Kennelling, and Protection of Pets will consider evidence from Cleveland Police.

Detail

1. As part of the scoping process, the Committee identified Cleveland Police as a key contributor to the review. The Dangerous Dog Legislation Officer has therefore been invited to give evidence regarding the Police's role and responsibilities regarding animal welfare (presentation to follow).
2. The Officer has been asked to cover the following points in his evidence:
 - Police responsibilities regarding animal welfare and dangerous dogs
 - The number of animals/dogs Cleveland Police deal with and kennel
 - What happens in the long term to dangerous dogs and the animals of suspects seized
 - How can we improve general understanding of the roles and responsibilities between the police and the LA, in particular in regards to suspect/prisoner property i.e. the Police and the dogs of those who have been detained
3. A copy of the agreed scope and project plan for the review is attached for information.

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