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## Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

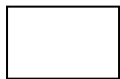
### Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods)

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009

### Subject: Enforcement of Dog Fouling

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#### Electoral Wards Affected: All



Ward Members consulted  
(referred to in report)

#### Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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## 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Last month, Members considered service data on the numbers of dog fouling Fixed Penalty Notices issued, prosecutions made, stray dogs impounded and dog service requests made during November 2008. The Board agreed to continue receiving this data on a monthly basis and therefore the service data relating to December 2008 is now attached for the Board's consideration. This is accompanied by a background report on the different roles carried out by the Dog Warden Service, as requested by the Board.
- 1.2 Last month the Board also deferred the agreement of its draft Statement on the Enforcement of Dog Fouling in Leeds following a number of suggested amendments. The draft Statement is now attached for the Board's consideration at today's meeting.
- 1.3 Scrutiny Board Procedure Rule 16.3 states that "where a Scrutiny Board is considering making specific recommendations it shall invite advice from the appropriate Director(s) prior to finalising its recommendations. The Director shall consult with the appropriate Executive Member before providing any such advice. The detail of that advice shall be reported to the Scrutiny Board and considered before the Statement is finalised".
- 1.4 Any advice received will be reported at the Board's meeting for consideration, before the Board finalises its statement.
- 1.5 Once the Board publishes its final statement, the appropriate Director(s) will be asked to formally respond to the Scrutiny Board's recommendations within three months.

## **2.0 Recommendations**

2.1 The Board is asked to

- (i) note the December 2008 data relating to the numbers of dog fouling Fixed Penalty Notices issued, prosecutions made, stray dogs impounded and dog service requests;
- (ii) note the background report on the different roles of the Dog Warden Service;
- (iii) consider and agree the Board's Statement on the Enforcement of Dog Fouling

### Background Papers

None