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## Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

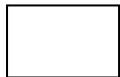
### Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods)

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010

### Subject: Dog Fouling Enforcement - Recommendation Tracking – Supplementary Report

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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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#### Background

- 1.1 During 2008/2009, the Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods) conducted a review on Streetscene in the City. Arising from this review the board issued a Statement in February 2009 setting out conclusions and recommendations with regard to dog fouling and dog control.
- 1.2 A progress report is attached which details progress against outstanding recommendations arising from the Dog Fouling Enforcement review conducted by the Board last year.
- 1.3 It has been suggested that Scrutiny are unhappy about progress on the recommendations. This supplementary paper outlines the work undertaken so far and will help inform Scrutiny's considerations on progress..

#### Activity Undertaken

- 1.4 The Statement of Recommendations was issued in February 2009 and the proposed response to the recommendations was submitted by the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods to the Executive Board on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009. The Executive Board accepted the actions detailed in the response.
- 1.5 Following the Executive Board acceptance, the Service commenced working on the recommendations, in particular prioritising the items with approaching deadlines.
- 1.6 Recommendation 3 asked for a review of the options available to the Council to extend Dog Control Orders in Leeds. A detailed report entitled 'Dog Control Orders'

was considered by Scrutiny on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009. This report was welcomed by Scrutiny and enabled the move forward to implementing dog control orders.

- 1.7 Recommendation 10 asked for production of Dog Control Strategy for Leeds by September 2009. The formal response advised that an outline strategy pertaining to the Dog Warden Service only (but identifying partners) will be drafted for the September 2009 deadline but that a Strategy including the agreement of partners will take longer. This was produced and the Board welcomed the proposed Dog Warden Service Strategy at its October meeting.
- 1.8 Other recommendations were also addressed as outlined in the progress report during this and subsequent periods.
- 1.9 To progress the Dog Control Order assessment, consultation and implementation all relevant internal stakeholders needed to be involved. A project board was therefore established involving these stakeholders. This met in September 2009 which was the first viable date for board invitees.
- 1.10 The project board have begun the process of Dog Control Order implementation, which is governed by several key aspects including the identification of land to which orders should apply: the extent of application: consultation process and resource allocation.
- 1.11 A draft timeline was created which was generous but achievable given resource constraints faced by all project board Members. Given Members comments the board will review this timeline with a view to bringing the implementation date forward if feasible.
- 1.12 The Dog Control Project Board met on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2010 and concluded to implement Dog Control Orders in a split fashion to expedite the process.

#### Conclusions:

- 1.13 The Service is committed to addressing the recommendations, expediently within the timescales stipulated. This is being done within existing resources at a time when great pressure is being placed upon these resources.