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Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods)

Date: 8th March 2010

Subject: Dog Control Orders in Leeds

Electoral Wards Affected: All	Specific Implications For:
	Equality and Diversity Community Cohesion
Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)	Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Last month the Board received a report showing progress against outstanding recommendations arising from the Dog Fouling Enforcement review conducted by the Board last year.
- 1.2 One particular recommendation made reference to reviewing the options available to the Council to extend Dog Control Orders in Leeds. It was noted that a multi-agency Project Board was set up to take forward this piece of work and has 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.
- 1.3 Members of the Board considered the initial draft project timeline for the implementation of additional Dog Control Orders in Leeds and expressed concern over the length of time allocated. The Project Board were informed of this at its meeting in February and reviewed options to expedite the process. It concluded that by developing and implementing Dog Control Orders in a split fashion this could bring the implementation date forward.
- 1.4 The Scrutiny Board requested that a further update report around this particular matter be brought back to its March meeting. This report will be circulated to Members following the next meeting of the Project Board, which is scheduled for 2nd March 2010, and will be considered at today's meeting.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Board is requested to consider the update report relating to the implementation of additional Dog Control Orders in Leeds.

Background Papers
None