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## COMMUNITY SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### DOG SERVICES WORKING GROUP



DATE	23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2013
PORTFOLIO	Community Services
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#### PURPOSE

1. To update Members on the agreed actions and timescales for the dog services review.

#### RECOMMENDATION

2. That Member's confirm the proposed actions and timescales for completion of the 2013/14 review.

#### REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. To revise the scope of the work and to confirm the timescales of the review, following recent Working Group discussions.

#### SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

4. The review of the Council's dog services was established as part of the Community Services Scrutiny Work Programme at the beginning of the municipal year.
5. At the meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> June 2013, the following terms of reference, covering 6 areas of work were identified and agreed;
  - To assess the impact of the Council's dog service and benchmark performance
  - To promote the work of the service
  - To improve how we deal with dangerous dogs and associated ASB
  - To improve how we engage with the community around responsible ownership
  - To improve the process of reporting concerns from residents
  - To investigate the issue of tackling dog related problems in rural / adopted areas

6. At the Dog Services Working Group Meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2013, it was agreed;
  - The terms of reference would be condensed to 5, with the final 2 areas of work being amalgamated.
7. During July 2013, the Director of Community Services, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Community Services Scrutiny Committee confirmed and agreed the following actions and timescales;
  - The Group to finalise the action plan during August and September.
  - Progress to be reported back to a future Community Services Scrutiny Committee to review progress and to finalise any recommendations.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION**

8. None.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

9. None.

#### **DETAILS OF CONSULTATION**

10. The Chair and Vice-Chair of Community Services Scrutiny

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

11. Dog services review action plan.

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

**PLEASE CONTACT:**

**ALSO:**