



COUNCIL MEETING

21 September 2017

INTRODUCTION OF A DOG CONTROL ORDER

Sheena Ramsey, Chief Executive

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for a consultation on the introduction of a Dog Control Order to be carried out.
2. In order to ensure the Council is in a position to adopt any potential changes to the dog control legislation it is proposed that a Dog Control Order is made and the most recent legislation is adopted.
3. It is proposed that a Dog Control Order be introduced to require; the removal of dog faeces from land, to put a dog on a lead when requested and to keep a dog on a lead at all times in cemeteries and school sites within the Borough.
4. The penalty for breaching the Order is a fine of up to £1000 on conviction or a Fixed Penalty Notice of £80.
5. The Cabinet has considered the facts and issues arising from the report including alternative options and took all relevant advice before formulating their recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

6. It is recommended that Council:
 - (i) Consults for a period of six weeks on the introduction of a Dog Control Order in line with Table 1 of the attached report, subject to exemptions as appropriate for assistance dogs.
 - (ii) Subject to no representation being received within the consultation period, adopt the Order.
 - (iii) In the event that objections to the proposed Order are received, be presented with a further report to Cabinet and Council.