

**COUNCIL CABINET
18 OCTOBER 2005
MINUTE EXTRACT**

**145/05 Report of the Planning and Environment
Commission's Review of the Council's
Enforcement of the Dog Control and Dog
Fouling Legislation**

The Council Cabinet considered a report from the Planning and Environment Commission reviewing the Council's Enforcement of the Dog Control and Dog Fouling legislation. The report detailed the review chosen by the Planning and Environment Commission and its two recommendations:

Recommendation One

The Planning and Environment Commission recommended that the Environmental Health and Trading Standards Division should consider and consult on how the Council might use the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 to deal with the problems of dog control and dog fouling. In particular, it was recommended that the Environmental Health and Trading Standards Division should:

- Review the way in which it might employ the new legislation to deal with stray dogs and dog fouling.
- Consult with the public and dog owner groups.
- Identify the areas within the city which could/should be subject to dog control orders.
- Suggest the amount of the fixed penalties that will be imposed for contraventions of any dog control orders that are made by the Council.
- Identify a local kennels or other facility that could be used to either temporarily or in the long term to hold stray dogs.
- Identify the staffing and resource levels that will be required to effectively implement the new legislation.

Recommendation Two

The Commission recommended that, having implemented Recommendation One, the Environmental Services and Trading Standards Division should prepare a report on the financial and personnel implications of putting into effect the dog control provisions of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. It was recommended that the report be completed in time for its consideration as part of the 2006/07 draft Revenue Budget proposals.

Decision

To receive a response to the recommendations of the Planning and Environment Commission's review of the way in which the Council enforces the Dog Control and Dog Fouling legislation at a future meeting of the Council Cabinet.