



Derby City Council

**POLICY AND STRATEGIC SERVICES
CABINET MEMBER MEETING
26 March 2015**

Report of the Strategic Director of
Neighbourhoods

ITEM 5

Proposed Animal Welfare Charter

SUMMARY

- 1.1 The council supports the view that all animals have a right to life free from cruel treatment and unnecessary suffering and, in order to formally recognise this, propose to adopt an Animal Welfare Charter.
- 1.2 A draft Charter is set out in the report for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To adopt the Animal Welfare Charter set out at Appendix 2.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Adopting the Charter will reflect the concerns of local people who care about animal welfare and any cruel treatment, abuse or neglect of animals.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 The council is keen to reflect the concerns of local people who care about animal welfare and any cruel treatment, abuse or neglect of animals.
- 4.2 In adopting the Charter, the council will look to it for guidance when exercising its statutory powers in relation to animal health and welfare matters.
- 4.3 Although the Charter is not intended to cover every aspect of animal welfare, it does detail those areas that the council considers most important and where it hopes it can have some influence as a public body. It will also provide an example to other agencies and individuals to prevent the unnecessary suffering of animals.

- 4.4 The council will endeavour to display and disseminate this charter widely and welcomes comments to enable a review at a later date to ensure that it is in line with changes in national and European legislation, local circumstances and public concern about animal welfare.
- 4.5 The council wants to encourage all members of the public to support this charter and to draw to the attention of the council any contraventions of the provisions contained within it.
- 4.6 Through lawful means, the council will also use its best endeavours to promote improvements in animal welfare by taking account of animal welfare issues in the council's 'day to day' operations, in its 'decision making' processes and through influence in association with other authorities, voluntary welfare groups and Government agencies.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 None arising from the report.

Legal

- 2.1 The Charter is not legally binding. In using its best endeavours to secure the application of the charter principles throughout its administrative area, the council can formally apply those principles to those individuals operating from land and/or premises owned by it, and to those working for or on behalf of the council.

Personnel

- 3.1 None arising from the report.

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- 4.1 None arising from the report.

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 None arising from the report.

Health and Safety

- 6.1 None arising from the report.

Environmental Sustainability

- 7.1 The council already encourages the use of products that have less impact on the environment. The adoption of this policy would further support this view.

Property and Asset Management

- 8.1 None arising from the report.

Risk Management

- 9.1 The adoption of an Animal Welfare Charter will have to be considered in any future relevant procurement specifications.
- 9.2 The adoption of an Animal Welfare Charter could have a potential impact on the type of businesses that operate in the council's administrative boundary and also the type of events and activities that are promoted.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 10.1 The adoption of an Animal Welfare Charter will deliver **better outcomes for our communities**.