

Enterprise and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

5 February 2015

Briefing Note to support the Scrutiny Project Group report on Dog Fouling

For information, Sherri Stock is no longer part of the Environmental Protection Team (having moved over to the Private Sector Housing team) and so I, Esther Thelwell have been appointed as the Senior Environmental Health Officer for the Environmental Protection Team. Whilst I have considerable experience with environmental and pollution issues I have not been involved so much with dog and dog related issues (as Sherri lead on this). As such, I felt that I would benefit from speaking with peers at other local authorities in Derbyshire.

I am collating a list of contacts for officers in the Derbyshire region who are responsible for dog issues and it is proposed that

- we will be meet in March/April to discuss responsible dog ownership and share best practice in light of the new Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014;
- meet with dog handlers from the Derbyshire Police to discuss responsible dog ownership;
- work more collaboratively with the Chesterfield Borough Council Estates and Neighbourhoods Team (as they have powers to issue Fixed Penalty Notices for dog fouling on housing owned land);
- consider putting in place a Derbyshire-wide educational campaign/promotional event to promote responsible dog ownership to include, dog fouling, compulsory micro chipping (due in legislation in 2016) etc..

I note that para 6.26 of the report makes the following recommendation:

To recommend that on all temporary signs and notices that are produced to discourage dog fouling that the maximum fine of “up to £1000” be used in the wording as is done by Bassetlaw District Council. Also to recommend that Bassetlaw District Council be contacted to see if the effective and innovative imagery on their signs can be borrowed and to enable the sharing of best practice.

For information, we do already have signage with this wording – see below.

Esther Thelwell

Senior Environmental Health Officer

Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005

Dog Control Order



Clean up after your dog

It is an offence to fail to
comply with the Order.

FIXED PENALTY
notices will be issued.
£1000 maximum fine.

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