

ANIMAL WELFARE CHARTER REVIEW

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Committee to consider amendments to improve the Council's Animal Welfare Charter.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Following consideration by the Animal Welfare Charter Sub-Committee, the Council adopted a Charter in December 2005 (Minute 555/04). The current Charter is at Appendix 1.
- 2.2 The Charter has been widely publicised since its launch and it has received a number of positive comments from individuals and organisations.
- 2.3 At the time of its adoption, Council agreed that it would be appropriate to review the Charter after 12 months, to enable it to be updated and to incorporate improvements if required.
- 2.4 Officers have specifically requested views from the RSPCA on improvements to the Charter and these have been taken into account in the proposed amendments.

3 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The proposed amendments are set out in Appendix 2.

4 RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Charter sets out the Council's views on animal welfare issues but it does not have any statutory role.
- 4.2 The Charter helps the Council to create and maintain a community leadership role. Care is taken to ensure that the information it contains is balanced and accurate.

5 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 It is proposed that, subject to Members comments, the Committee **RECOMMENDS**

That the Animal Welfare Charter is amended as set out in Appendix 2.

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Background Papers:-

None.

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