

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DOGS (FOULING OF LAND) ACT 1996 (Min 217/01)

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members of the current situation regarding the implementation of the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996.
- 1.2 The report also aims to gain Members approval for a Dog Waste Bin Sponsorship opportunity, details of which are explained in this report.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 At the meeting of Community Services Committee of 3 July 2001 (Min.217/01), Members agreed to adopt the provisions of the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 and also to set aside £5000 for additional dog waste bins around the District (ratified at Finance & General Purposes Committee of 12 July 2001 (Min.252/01).

3 CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 With regard to the implementation of the act, the legal notices advertising the Council's intentions to adopt the legislation have all been placed and the appropriate timescales for comment or objection have elapsed.
- 3.2 The provisions of the act have therefore now been formally adopted as of 11 June 2002.
- 3.3 Signs advising people of the act and potential fines for non-adherence are to be placed around the District. They are currently on order and will be in place by approximately the end of July. The location of these signs will be at all the Council's Parks and Recreation Grounds in addition to all "black-spots" and areas that are popular for owners to walk their dogs.
- 3.4 20 extra dog bins were purchased and installed around the District as a result of the £5000 being set aside for this purpose.

4 DOG WASTE BIN SPONSORSHIP

- 4.1 Officers have received details of a dog waste bin sponsorship offer from a company called Bayer PLC Animal Health Business Group.

- 4.2 The sponsorship agreement would require the Council to fix the Bayer promotional posters (Appendix 1) advertising Drontal Worming Tablets to each of its dog waste bins around the District.
- 4.3 In return Bayer PLC would pay the Council £10 plus VAT per bin per year and supply additional posters if the original ones are damaged or removed.
- 4.4 The Council currently has 143 dog bins located around the District and would therefore receive sponsorship monies of £1430 plus VAT within this agreement.

5 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The reduction in dog excrement around the District will improve the area's environmental condition and reduce the risk of contracting illnesses as a direct result of contamination.
- 5.2 The implementation of the dog waste bin sponsorship agreement would increase the public awareness of the problem of worms in domestic pets.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Accepting the Dog Waste Bin Sponsorship Agreement with Bayer PLC would provide the Council with an additional income of £1430 + VAT per annum.

9 RECOMMENDATION

- 9.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**
- i) That Members note the details regarding the formal adoption of the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 and the installation of 20 extra dog waste bins.
 - ii) That Members agree to enter into the Dog Waste Bin Sponsorship Agreement with Bayer PLC. (CD(F&ES))

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