

Report of the Chief Executive

DOG CONTROL POLICY1. Purpose of report

To advise of, and seek approval for, the Dog Control Policy.

2. Detail

There are a number of pieces of legislation which relate to the control of dogs. These include controls on dog fouling, micro chipping, strays, dogs on leads, statutory nuisances, and dangerous dogs. Many of these pieces of legislation are the responsibility of district councils to administer.

The purpose of this report is to bring together all the relevant dog control measures (but not including licensing provisions for pet shops, dog boarding establishments and dog breeders) in one document and so define Broxtowe's policy on dog control.

A copy of the proposed policy is attached at appendix 1, and a table of current fees and charges at appendix 2. Details of the number of strays collected in the current and previous two financial years are shown in appendix 3. An equality impact assessment is included in the report at appendix 4.

The Committee is also asked to consider the following:

- Extending the administration fee (£35) which is currently charged in respect of dogs taken to the kennels, to include cases where dogs are picked up as strays and taken back to their owners by the Neighbourhood Wardens.

3. Financial implications

There are no additional costs associated with the report. It is anticipated that, based upon an assumed 60 dogs returned, the proposed fees would result in an additional income of £2,100 per year. Revenue budgets would then be amended to reflect this additional income.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE to:

1. **APPROVE the Dog Control Policy included in appendix 1.**
2. **RECOMMEND to the Finance and Resources Committee approval of the charging of a fee where dogs are collected as strays and returned to owners without the involvement of the kennels.**

Background papers

Nil