

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Review Topic	The Impact of Dog Control Orders in Warwick District.
Working Group Members	One member from each political group and any others. There will be a maximum of six members on the working group, one of whom must be a member of the Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee.
Key Officer Contact	Grahame Helm, Divisional Environmental Health Officer
Scrutiny Officer Support	Lesley Dury, Committee Services Officer
Rationale	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee requested that a review be undertaken once a year had passed since the Dog Control Orders had been implemented. The Dog Control Orders were a source of great public concern at the time they were introduced and this continues. It has also been identified that in respect to enforcement, there may be a staffing resource shortfall.
Purpose/Objective of Review	The review is to investigate how Dog Control Orders have worked from 1 November 2011 to 1 November 2012 and make any appropriate recommendations for greater effectiveness.
Scope of the Topic	The review will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The workload of the dog warden – has it changed since the Orders were introduced? • All four Orders will be included in the review, but the Task & Finish Group may decide to concentrate on specific Orders. • Playgrounds will receive particular focus. The review will not include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-examination of the original reasons why the Orders were introduced.
Indicators of Success	(1) A constructive report has been produced. (2) A balanced view has been achieved. (3) Since the Orders were introduced, a picture has been built up of the impact on staff in terms of time and role, and this will lead to: (4) Clarification on whether resources were and are now sufficient.
Specify Evidence Sources	(1) The four Dog Control Orders (2) Amendments & additions to these Orders (3) Minutes of meetings (4) What other councils have done (5) Communications received from members of the public since November 2011
Specify Witnesses/Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WDC's Dog Warden • Environmental Services officers • Action 21 for Jeffersons • Cemetery Management (possibly Pam Chilvers?) • Parks Development officers (Dave Anderson or Simon Richardson) • A local resident who came to speak at a meeting (Kate Pittel) • The Dogs' Trust • The current Portfolio Holder, Councillor Shilton • The previous Portfolio Holder, Councillor Coker • Local residents

Appendix 1

Specify Site Visits		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fenced and unfenced Playgrounds during Half Term in October 2012, when they are likely to be heavily in use. A cemetery on a day and time advised by cemetery management when dog walkers are likely to be present. 	
Consultation with Stakeholders		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friends of Abbey Fields Friends of Acre Close Friends of The Greenway Friends of St Nicholas WALC (Vaughan Owen) Representatives from either the Leamington Residents Association or the Leamington Society 	
Level of Publicity		None at this stage. Stakeholders may engage in their own publicity to get the views of their members.	
Barriers/dangers/risks		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The controversy when the Orders were introduced could be reignited. There may be an expectation that there will be a change to the Orders. 	
Projected Start Date	9/10/12	Draft Report Deadline	January/February 2013
Meeting Frequency	TBA	Projected Completion Date	March 2013
Date to evaluate impact		O & S Committee will decide a date to be set in its Work Programme.	
Methods of tracking / Evaluating		O & S Committee will decide this.	