

ITEM 14. 'A RESPONSIBLE APPROACH' – SOUTHWARK DOG STRATEGY

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS - AMENDED

Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance

(Paragraphs 26 – 28 of original report)

1. This report recommends that the cabinet agrees the Dog Strategy 2011-14 and further recommends how the strategy will be delivered bearing in mind national policy changes. At this stage the cabinet is not being asked to allocate any resources in respect of the strategy as these have already been allocated however, if changes in national policy and the consultation responses require an increase in resource allocation, then the cabinet may at a later stage be asked to do so in a separate report.
2. The background to this report is adequately summarised in paragraphs 3-5 of this report and the attached strategy outlines how Southwark plans to address the issues raised in those paragraphs.
3. Under Part 3D, paragraph 6 of the Constitution the cabinet member has the authority to agree statutory and other strategies in relation to their areas of responsibility except where they relate to cross cutting issues. Under paragraph 7 of Part 3D the cabinet member has the authority to agree significant policy issues in relation to their area of responsibility. Further, under paragraph 15 of Part 3D the cabinet member has the power to promote effective partnerships between the council and other agencies and bodies affecting the community in relation to their area of responsibility. The strategy would safely fall within this category as the strategy is being operationally delivered by the Southwark Dog Action Group which is a multi-agency partnership and is being further overseen by the Safer Southwark Partnership.
4. All matters reserved to the cabinet member can instead be decided by the parent body under Part 3C of the Constitution. Full cabinet therefore has the appropriate decision making power in this instance as it is taking the decision on behalf of the cabinet member.

Finance Director

(Paragraph 29 of original report)

5. This report recommends that cabinet agrees the Southwark dog strategy 2011-14 and indicates that the costs currently identified can be met within existing resources.