

**ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY PANEL
ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT – ACTION PLAN**

SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION	PROPOSED ACTION	BY WHOM	BUDGET COST	TIMESCALE
<p>a) Mainstream budget funding should continue to be provided in the future for the Community Service's Respect team</p>	<p>Temporary funding has been secured until the end of September 2008 from the Area Based Grant. Arrangements to extend the funding until March 2009 are progressing through the LSP. The potential for providing mainstream budget funding will be examined as part of a review of the Environment Department Medium Term Financial Plan. Any mainstreaming of the service will only happen if it is affordable to the Council and will need to be considered in the context of the efficiency savings targets, progress on savings from the Waste Review and the impact of the loss of the Erimus horticultural and waste contracts.</p>	<p>Paul Robertson</p>	<p>£207,000 pa</p>	<p>On Going</p>
<p>b) The future position regarding joint work undertaken with the Dogs Trust to neuter dogs should be clarified. If the Trust discontinues the scheme, the Council should identify funding to ensure its continuation</p>	<p>Dogs Trust are currently reviewing their neutering schemes, to establish what level of future support they can provide to Local Authorities. The Environmental Protection Manager will remain in close contact with them and determine what level of service can be provided when they have determined their future level of support.</p>	<p>Paul Robertson</p>	<p>To be determined - subject to available funding</p>	<p>March 2009</p>

<p>c) All options should be explored to ensure that the scheme of micro-chipping dogs, to assist in identifying and re-homing strays, is also continued</p>	<p>Enough stocks of microchips exist to continue to provide a free micro-chipping service throughout 2008/09. The Environmental Protection Manager will continue to explore other partnerships and funding sources, with a view to maintaining a service when existing stocks have run out subject to adequate funding being secured.</p>	<p>Paul Robertson</p>	<p>£4,000 for 1,000 dogs per annum - subject to adequate funding being secured</p>	<p>March 2009</p>
<p>d) The implications of the Council's recent increased responsibilities for providing an out of hours stray dogs service (taken on from the police) should be closely monitored to determine the financial implications and steps taken to ensure that the service operates cost effectively. An update on the operation of the service, and any financial implications, should be reported to the scrutiny panel after approximately six months</p>	<p>A report will be prepared for Executive to establish the level of service the Council will provide. The Environmental Protection Manager will report back to the Scrutiny Panel in due course.</p>	<p>Paul Robertson</p>	<p>£11,000 per annum budget growth provided from 2008/09</p>	<p>December 2008</p>

<p>e) The position concerning increased cigarette litter outside business premises, offices, pubs and social clubs etc should continue to be monitored. Discussions should be continued with premises owners and appropriate trade and licensing bodies to ensure that they are aware of their responsibilities and to consider how this problem can be reduced. The issue should also be publicised and enforcement action taken where appropriate</p>	<p>The Environmental Enforcement Team will maintain dialogue with organisations representing local businesses, such as Pubwatch and Licensing Forum. Intelligence from Area Care and complaints will be used to target hot spots and problem premises, taking enforcement action where appropriate. Talking CCTV cameras will be used to deter and correct littering. We will continue to maintain a high profile through Community Protection bulletins and the media.</p>	<p>Paul Robertson</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>f) The Environment Scrutiny panel should be consulted, prior to the Executive, on any significant changes to the Environmental Enforcement Policy</p>	<p>When the Enforcement Policy is reviewed later this year the environment scrutiny panel will be consulted.</p>	<p>Paul Robertson</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>December 2008</p>