

5. SUBMISSIONS ON AMENDMENTS TO DOG CONTROL POLICY

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Regulatory and Consents Committee on the number of responses to the above consultation, advise of the arrangements for hearing oral submissions, and seek a change in the membership of the Dog Control Working Party to further consider the matters.

INTRODUCTION

In November 2002, the Council resolved that a review of the list of restrained and prohibited areas for dogs be undertaken by a Dog Control Working Party which comprised Councillors Sue Wells, Ishwar Ganda, and Chrissie Williams.

After considering the matters the Dog Control Working Party reported to this Committee and subsequently to the Council in March 2003 with recommended amendments to the Dog Control Policy. These changes were adopted and the Special Consultative Procedure required under section 10 of the Dog Control Act 1996 commenced in June 2003. The amended Dog Control Policy was sent out to Registered Dog Owners with registration reminders and promoted in accordance with the agreed communication plan to reach non-dog owners.

SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED

The "Have Your" Say website provided 162 responses plus 20 individual email responses. The brochure response totalled 1,034, a number of which included lengthy attached letters. Both the "Have Your Say" website and the brochure indicated that if persons wished to tell Councillors their views in person they should include their contact details in their response. About 200 submitters provided contact details and they will be contacted in the near future to determine if they wish to attend a hearing.

The Dog Control Working Party has tentatively set down dates for hearing the submissions on 8, 9, and 10 September 2003.

CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE DOG CONTROL WORKING PARTY

Councillor Chrissie Williams has advised that she would no longer be available to serve on the Working Party. It has been advised that Councillor Megan Evans is prepared to fill this position.

Staff

Recommendation: That the information be received and that the Committee approve the replacement of Councillor Williams with Councillor Megan Evans on the Dog Control Working Party.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.