


12. PROHIBITED DOG AREA DISPENSATION



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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek dispensation from the Council to allow dogs within the dog prohibited area of the Cathedral square.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Council has received a request from the Canterbury Branch of the Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Inc to allow dogs and other small animals to attend the St Francis Day Cathedral Service and parade to be held on 7 October 2007.
3. This organisation seeks a dispensation from the Council to allow dogs and other animals into the Prohibited Area of the "Cathedral Square" for this parade.
4. This event will have approximately 60 dogs with their owners.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. Nil.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

6. N/A as there are no financial implications.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. The Christchurch City Dog Control Bylaw 1997 prohibits dogs from entering or remaining upon any part of a prohibited dog area except as authorised by the Council by resolution made under this clause. Cathedral Square is one of the prohibited dog areas.
8. The Council may grant dispensation in accordance with clause 16 of the Christchurch City General Bylaw 1990.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

9. The recommendation does not directly align with or support a level of service in the 2006-16 LTCCP. However, the enforcement activity which includes the requirement to minimise the nuisances of dogs is supported through the recommendation that dogs entering the prohibited area be under control by restraint of a leash at all times between the hours of 2pm and 4pm and each participant be given appropriate doggie bags to ensure all dog faeces is removed forthwith to ensure the area is kept clean.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

10. Not applicable.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

11. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council resolve:

- (a) That the organisers of the Canterbury Branch of the Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Inc be given dispensation in accordance with clause 16 of the Christchurch City General Bylaw 1990 to allow dogs to enter and remain in the Prohibited area of Cathedral Square.
- (b) That the dispensation apply only on Sunday 7 October 2007 from 2pm until 4pm on the same day.
- (c) That dogs entering the prohibited area be under control by restraint of a leash at all times between the hours of 2pm and 4pm and each participant be given appropriate doggie bags to ensure all dog faeces is removed forthwith to ensure the area is kept clean.
- (d) That the Team Leader Animal Control be given delegated authority to grant such dispensations in the future for successive years so there is no need for the Council to consider this request each year.