

Ban on Greyhound Racing in Northern Ireland

“This Council notes that greyhound racing in Northern Ireland is unregulated, with no statutory oversight of welfare, injuries, or retirement outcomes. Thousands of greyhounds across the UK and Ireland die each year due to racing-related harm, and Northern Ireland lacks transparency, accountability, and legal protections for these animals.

This Council further notes that other jurisdictions in the UK are moving towards reform or abolition of greyhound racing, with increasing public and political support for a ban.

This Council believes that the absence of regulation poses unacceptable risks to animal welfare and public confidence.

This Council resolves to call on the Northern Ireland Executive and DAERA to introduce legislation banning greyhound racing, and to support rehoming efforts and welfare organisations working to protect retired greyhounds.”

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