



<b>Subject:</b>	Provision of Dog Statistics to DAERA
<b>Date:</b>	5 December 2017
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?</b>	
<b>After Committee Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>After Council Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Some time in the future</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Never</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Call-in</b>	
<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) is to begin publishing statistics on its website on the Dog Wardens' enforcement activities undertaken by all Councils in accordance with The Dog (Northern Ireland) Order 1983.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Note the contents of the report.</li></ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	The Council's Dog Warden Service enforces the legislation on the responsible control of dogs under The Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1983. This legislation covers a range of

	issues concerning dogs including licensing, stray dogs, dog attacks and the powers available to Dog Wardens to address these matters.
3.2	All Councils are required to provide quarterly statistics to DAERA on the range of enforcement activities undertaken by their respective Dog Warden Services. DAERA have a statutory duty to collate the statistics. The statistics are often requested by stakeholders, the media and the public.
3.3	Both the Department and Councils deal with a range of requests for dog-related information, for example, correspondence cases, Assembly Questions, media requests and Freedom of Information requests. Making the dog statistical information available on-line will provide direct access to this information without first having to approach the Department and / or Councils. It is anticipated that this will have the effect of reducing the volume of dog related statistical requests made to the Department and Councils. You may also wish to consider putting your Council's dog related statistics onto its website.
3.4	Publishing the statistics on the website makes the information readily accessible to everyone. DAERA have informed the Council that the statistics for the period 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2017 to 30 June 2017 was published on their website the 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2017. A link to the statistics can be accessed on the DAERA website at <a href="http://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/council-dog-summary-statistics">http://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/council-dog-summary-statistics</a> .
3.5	A timetable for the quarterly update of the statistics is outlined in the attached letter sent to the Chief Executive in Appendix 1.
	<u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u>
3.6	There are no financial or resource implications
	<u>Asset &amp; Other Implications</u>
3.7	None
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u>
3.8	None
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix 1 – Letter to Chief Executive from DAERA