

MEETING	THE COUNCIL
DATE	20 th OCTOBER 2012
TITLE	DOG CONTROL ENFORCEMENT
PURPOSE	TO RESPOND TO A NOTICE OF MOTION
REPORT BY	ALED DAVIES - HEAD OF REGULATORY DEPARTMENT & GWYN MORRIS JONES - HEAD OF HIGHWAYS AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT
CABINET MEMBERS	COUNCILLOR W GARETH ROBERTS COUNCILLOR JOHN WYN WILLIAMS

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 A notice of motion on this matter was submitted to the Council on 16 December 2010. The motion asked that the Council *“proceeds urgently to ensure that signs are erected in the town of Caernarfon and other populated areas in order to prevent dogs from running free, without a lead”*. The Council decided to refer the motion to be considered by the Environment Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.2 An initial report was submitted on Dog Control Orders by the Head of Regulatory Department jointly with the Head of Highways and Municipal Department to the Environment Committee on 30 June 2011. The Committee decided:
- *That the relevant officers consult and undertake further work on the orders during the next few months and consider the most appropriate options.*
 - *To submit a financial bid as appropriate at the proper time”.*
- 1.3 A follow-up report was submitted by the Heads to the Environment Committee on 26 January 2012.
- 1.4 On the two occasions when the matter was submitted to the Environment Committee, members voiced strong support to the use of Dog Control Orders as an additional managerial tool which could facilitate the Council’s efforts to act more effectively on this matter.
- 1.5 At the meeting of Gwynedd Council’s Cabinet held on 24th July, 2012 it was decided that:
- i) To confirm the recommendation of the Environment Committee and The Environment and Infrastructure Programme Board to establish and adopt Dog Control Orders.
 - ii) To hold a public consultation on adopting the proposals in accordance with the legislation.

- iii) That up to £80,000 will be available in the first year and £57,000 a year of permanent budget is earmarked to achieve the aim of adopting Dog Control Orders should the public consultation confirm the County's communities' desire to achieve them.
- 1.6 The Consultation will be held between 17th September 2012 and 5th November 2012 with the aim of reporting back to the Cabinet before the end of the year or early in the new year.
- 1.7 It is hoped that adopting the Order will strengthen the Council's hand when addressing some of the problems related to Dog Control within the County.