

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North East Area Council

30th March, 2017

Report of North East Area Council Manager

Agenda item: 12

Responsible Dog Owner pilot project

1. Background

Following concerns raised about dog fouling in the area, the Councillors had previously agreed, in principle, that a Responsible Dog Owner pilot project should be progressed.

2. Overview of the Project

The North East Area Council's Responsible Dog Owner pilot project will build upon the public's pride in their local environment, and the focus of this project will be to positively encourage owners to pick up after their dogs.

The Officers who work for the partnership organisations who attend the North East Area Council Teams' regular partnership meeting, and who include the North East Environment Team, the Enforcement Officers, Berneslai Homes, the Tasking Officer, the Youth Development Officer and the Private Sector Housing Management Officer will be asked to distribute dog bags to people that they see in the local communities walking their dogs, to encourage them to pick up after their dogs. The dog bags will also be distributed at Community events, Galas and Proms, and at the regular Volunteering events that are scheduled in across the area.

Additionally, if a person is seen picking up after their dog their names will be entered into a quarterly draw and they will receive a small reward to thank them for helping to take care of their environment.

3. Recommendation

That the project is taken forward, and managed through the Biodiversity and Environment fund, and overseen by the North East Area Council's Environment Steering Group, at a cost of £800.

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North East Area Manager
2nd February 2017**