

<b>Key Decision Required</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>In the Forward Plan</b>	<b>No</b>
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**CABINET**

**4 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**REFERENCE FROM SERVICE DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE OF 27 JULY 2015**

**A.3 UPDATE ON DOG-FOULING ENFORCEMENT**  
(Report Prepared by Colin Sweeney)

**BACKGROUND**

At its meeting held on 27 July 2015, the Committee received a presentation by the Council's Street Scene Officer, in respect of the Council's dog-fouling enforcement processes.

Members were advised that the Council had two designated dog wardens that covered the Tendring area and that they (and other authorised officers) could issue fixed penalty notices to any dog-fouling or littering offenders.

The Committee was advised that, since September 2014, five dog fouling notices and 39 duty for care notices had been issued (there had been no litter notices issued). Whilst the numbers appeared low, this was because it was difficult to detect when an offence was being carried out and it was stressed that residents had a key role in helping the Council to catch offenders and that the Council would continue to urge them to contact the Street Scene team if they had any evidence to suggest dog-fouling had occurred.

Members were informed that the Street Scene Team had worked on a number of initiatives to prevent dog-fouling, including high profile public events such as 'Tidy Tendring', a series of seafront patrols and the upgrade of litter bins along the seafront.

Members raised questions in respect of the provision of new additional bins and whether this would go some way in resolving the issue, particularly in areas where repeat offending occurred and information on the current situation of signage for play areas within the District.

The Chairman requested that, at a future meeting of the Committee, early in 2016, the issue of the Council's football pitches in relation to dog-fouling be discussed.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS TO CABINET**

Cabinet is now asked to consider the recommendations of the Service Development and Delivery Committee and determine its response if any:

The Committee **RECOMMENDED TO CABINET** that:

- a) The Council review the bins and signage along the lower promenade from Kings Cliff to Holland-on-Sea;
- b) The Council adopts a similar review of the Walton seafront between Walton Pier and Holland Haven;
- c) Dog control by-laws be extended to all play areas and football pitches that were fenced areas in the District;

- d) The Council encourage the wider public to help with the problem of dog-fouling and to take responsibility for their antisocial behaviour;
- e) The Council look to reprise the previous scheme whereby Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) had the ability to issue notices; and
- f) Member involvement with local GP Surgeries on the dangers of dog fouling, be encouraged.

**PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET**

Comments will be provided directly at the meeting.