
Report To: Safe , Sustainable Communities
Committee

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Subject: Delegated Powers: Authorisation of Officers

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To update the Delegated Powers of the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities with respect to the authorisation of officers.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Safer & Inclusive Communities is responsible for the enforcement of a multitude of Acts and Statutory Instruments in the areas of Environmental Health and Trading Standards. Regular reports are made to Committee updating the delegated powers of the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities to authorise officers.
- 2.1 The commencement of the Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010 requires an update to those powers.
- 2.2 The Act gives authorised officers the powers to serve Dog Control Notices on owners in certain circumstances.
- 2.3 All Local Authorities are obliged to have at least one authorised officer under the Act. The Local Authority must be satisfied as to the skill of the Authorised Officer in controlling dogs and instructing others in their control. Safer & Inclusive Communities now has an officer trained to meet the required criteria.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities be given delegated powers to authorise officers under the Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010.

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4.0 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Finance

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

4.2 Personnel

There are no personnel implications arising from this report.

4.3 Legal

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

4.4 Equalities

There are no implications for equalities arising from this report.