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**REPORT 9**  
*(1215/11/IM)*

**Report of the Strategy and Policy Committee**  
**Meeting of Thursday 8 October 2009**

**Members:** Mayor Prendergast (Deputy Chair), Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Foster, Gill, Goulden, McKinnon (Chair), Morrison, Pannett, Peppereil, Ritchie, Wade-Brown and Wain.

**MATTERS CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE**

The Strategy and Policy Committee dealt with a number of issues for which it has delegated powers to act and therefore these are before the Council for noting.

The Committee hereby recommends that the information be received.

1. **ITEM 195/09P REVIEW OF THE DOG POLICY 2009**  
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 2)

*THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:*

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note that 381 written submissions were received and 33 oral submissions were heard on the proposed Dog Policy 2009 during the special consultative procedure undertaken in accordance with section 10(8) of the Dog Control Act 1996 and section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.*
3. *Note that a summary of issues raised by the submitters is attached at Appendix One of the officers report.*
4. *Agree to making the following changes to the policy:*
  - (a) *Include the following as new designated dog exercise areas:*
    - *Chelmsford Reserve, Ngaio*
    - *Vice Regal North, Newtown*
    - *Alexandra Road West, Newtown*
    - *Seatoun beach (Hector Street South to Point Dorset) – as an exercise area (~~specified times~~)*
    - *Worser Bay beach (entire beach) – as an exercise area (specified times).*
  - (b) *Change the classification of Arthur Carman Park and Kaiwharawhara Park from Exercise Areas to Prohibited places (specified times).*

- (c) *Maintain Waitangi Park and Karori Cemetery as controlled public places where dogs are allowed on-leash under control of their owners.*
  - (d) *Agree that the Lawn Cemetery of Karori Cemetery become an off lead exercise area for dogs under control of their owners before 9.00am and after 7.00pm year round.*
  - (e) *Change the current restrictions for the central city to provide 'direct right of passage' through the central business district to the waterfront and other parts of the city for all dog owners and their dogs on-leash at all times.*
  - (f) *Accept two new public place classifications of 'Exercise area (specified times)' and 'Prohibited place (specified times)'.*
  - (g) *Accept the proposed extensions/reductions to all exercise areas listed in point 5.2.3 including extending the designated dog exercise area in Trelissick Park.*
  - (h) *Maintain Macalister Park as a designated dog exercise area where dogs are allowed off-leash under control of their owners.*
  - (i) *Agree that owners with Responsible Dog Owner status will be allowed a 31 day grace period before they lose their status. The 1 July statutory registration deadline will be promoted but Responsible Dog Owner holders will only lose their Responsible Dog Owner status if they fail to pay by 31 July*
  - (j) *Accept the proposed changes to the 'Responsible Dog Owner' application and maintenance criteria as amended.*
  - (k) *Agree that a third provision be included under 5.3.1 'Right of access to a prohibited area' that states "Dogs are allowed on-leash under the control of their owners /handlers outside of the boundary of a sports field, however the dog must not go onto the sports field area".*
  - (l) *Change to map boundaries for Island Bay beach to exclude revegetation area at top of dog exercise area on the western side of Island bay beach (revegetation area near Beach Street)*
4. *Agree to officers developing a new initiative to provide funding for signage for all exercise areas, the central business district and key prohibited areas for consideration as part of the 2010/11 Draft Annual Plan process.*
  5. *Note that officers do not recommend developing a Dog Destination Park at this time.*
  6. *Agree to officers continuing to evaluate provision of bins as part of all play area upgrades when play areas are located in or near to a dog exercise area.*
  7. *Agree to signage and dog owner education materials being used to promote a 'pick up and take home' message to dog owners/handlers who use exercise areas without bins.*
  8. *See Part A*

10. *Agree to a comprehensive review of the Dog Policy, in 2011 taking into account a proposed review of Central Government legislation.*

2. **ITEM 196/09P REVIEW OF THE WELLINGTON CONSOLIDATED BYLAW 2008: PART 2 - ANIMALS**  
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 3)

*THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:*

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note that 114 written submissions were received and 5 oral submissions were heard on the draft Wellington Consolidated Bylaw 2008: Part 2 – Animals, as a result of the special consultative procedure undertaken in accordance with section 10(8) of the Dog Control Act 1996 and section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.*
3. *Agree to making the following changes to the bylaw:*
  - (a) *Remove proposed clause 2.2.3 ‘Keeping poultry in an urban area’ and replace it with a new offence provision 4.1 (a) Everyone commits an offence who keeps animals and bees in a manner that is, or is likely to become a nuisance, dangerous, offensive, or injurious to health.*
  - (b) *Amend the wording of proposed clause 2.2.4 (now 2.2.3 in amended bylaw) to ‘An owner or occupier of any premises (other than rural premises) keeping more than three dogs in total on a property. Permission will be required for more than three dogs over the age of three months, whether or not the dogs are registered or the owner/occupier is the registered owner of the dogs’.*
  - (c) *Remove proposed clause 3.1.4 ‘All animals capable of confinement must be confined within their owner’s property.’*
  - (d) *Amend the wording of the proposed clause 3.1.5 (now 3.1.4 in amended bylaw) to exclude cats.*
  - (e) *Amend clause 3.2.1 ‘Feeding Animals’ to state that the ‘Feeding of animals can attract rats or other vermin or cause excessive fouling to public places. Where restrictions are required for specific areas, they will be clearly signposted. Animals must not be fed in these signposted areas.’*
  - (f) *Agree to include four new classifications of public places, where dogs will be allowed on and off-leash at specific times or prohibited, to enforce the Dog Policy 2009.*

4. *Note that a summary of issues raised by the submitters is attached at Appendix One of the officer's report.*
5. *Agree to the amended Wellington Consolidated Bylaw 2008: Part 2 – Animals as amended, attached at Appendix Two of the officer's report.*
6. *See Part A*

**Ian McKinnon**  
**Chair**