

**Report of the ordinary meeting of the Regulatory and Planning Committee held in the Council Chambers, 29 Bowler Avenue, Gore on Tuesday 22 August 2017, at 4.04pm.**

**Present** His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks, JP), Cr Highsted (Chairperson), Crs Beale, Bolger, Davis, Gardyne, D Grant, Phillips, Reid and Sharp.

**In Attendance** The Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry), Chief Financial Officer (Mr Luke Blackbeard), General Manager Infrastructure (Mr Ramesh Sharma), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Transport Manager (Mr Peter Standring), Building Control Manager (Mr Russell Paterson), 3 Waters Asset Manager (Mr Matt Bayliss), HR/Administration Manager (Susan Jones), 3 Waters Project Manager (Mr Sam Bunting), Animal Control Officer (David McKewen), Planner (Rosie Given), Policy and Planning Officer (Emma Williams) and the Senior Regulatory Officer (Mrs Frances Shepherd).

**Apologies** Crs P Grant and Dickson and the General Manager Regulatory and Planning apologised for absence.

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Cr Highsted called for any conflicts of interest. None were declared.

**1. ANIMAL CONTROL ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR MAY-JUNE-JULY 2017**

A report from the Animal Control Officer for May, June and July was perused by the Committee. Details of the animal control monthly statistics for the past 12 months had also been circulated.

In response to Cr Highsted, the Animal Control Officer advised there was a plan to produce a brochure to assist dog owners with problematic dogs.

In response to Cr Gardyne, the Chief Financial Officer advised the Council on-charged a bank merchant fee when customers paid dog registration fees through e-services. There was still quite a lot of administration work required in the background with tags needing to be issued and mailed out to owners.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Reid, THAT the report be received.**

**2. BUILDING CONTROL ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR JUNE AND JULY 2017**

A copy of the report for June and July from the Building Control Manager was perused by the Committee. Building consent statistics for June and July had also been circulated.

In response to Cr Beale, the Planner advised the access issues for the new motorcycle showroom and display area in Exeter Lane, Mataura had been satisfactorily resolved.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr D Grant, seconded by Cr Beale, THAT the report be received.**

**3. REGULATORY SERVICES AND PLANNING REPORT**

A regulatory services and planning report compiled by the General Manager Regulatory and Planning was considered by the Committee. The report included statistics on abandoned vehicles, noise control and illegally dumped rubbish.

In response to Cr Gardyne, the Senior Regulatory Officer advised the fine for an offender who was caught dumping rubbish illegally was \$400.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Phillips, seconded by Cr Gardyne, THAT the report be received.**

**4. DEVELOPMENT OF A DOG CONTROL ACTION PLAN FOR GORE DISTRICT (SC1554)**

A memo had been received from the General Manager Regulatory and Planning profiling the development of a dog control action plan for the District. The General Manager noted that despite a responsive and well organised animal control service in the District, many of the issues facing the Council's animal control team appeared to be perpetual. Many of the owners of troublesome dogs were repeat offenders and may lack the knowledge or inclination to train and appropriately care for their dogs.

It was considered that the most effective approach to reduce the number of dangerous and nuisance incidents relating to dogs, was to proactively work with owners in the

District to deliver advice, information, incentives and support for responsible dog ownership.

It was proposed that for the effective application of the Dog Control Act, the Dog Control Bylaw and policy required a coordinated and targeted action plan to achieve a reduction in dog related danger and nuisance, through the promotion of responsible dog ownership.

An action plan encompassing the following four workstreams was recommended:

- Workstream 1 - education, incentives and encouragement to be a responsible dog owner.
- Workstream 2 – provision of dog related infrastructure.
- Workstream 3 - targeted enforcement.
- Workstream 4 – monitoring and reporting

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Bolger, seconded by Cr Davis, THAT the Council approve the development of a dog control action plan to implement a coordinated approach to improving responsible dog ownership.**

**5. DOG CONTROL POLICY AND PRACTICES (SC1554)**

A memo had been received from the General Manager Regulatory and Planning together with a copy of the annual report on the Council's dog control policy and practices for the year ending 30 June 2017.

**RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Reid, seconded by Cr D Grant, THAT pursuant to Section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996, the Gore District Council report on Dog Control Policy and Practices for 2016/17 be adopted.**

The meeting concluded at 4.32pm