
ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

Council

Customer Services

24th September 2015

Recommendation from MAKI Area Committee – Dog Fouling

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the MAKI Area Committee held on 5 August 2015, Members considered a report which provided them with an update on the work being undertaken to tackle dog fouling in the MAKI area. During discussion of the item, Members were made aware of initiatives which are being undertaken by other Councils in relation to the dog fouling issue. One of these initiatives is a “naming and shaming” programme which has been undertaken by some Councils, including Glasgow City Council.

This involves there being a mechanism put in place where people who are issued with fines for allowing their dog to foul are then identified publicly, using methods such as adverts in local press publications.

The MAKI Area Committee agreed that a recommendation be put forward to the next meeting of Council asking that work is undertaken to explore the possibility of a programme of naming and shaming individuals who are fined for dog fouling.

Recommendation from the MAKI Area Committee – Dog Fouling

2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 This report advises Council of a recommendation which was made at the August meeting of the MAKI Area Committee asking that consideration be given to a possible “naming and shaming” programme to help tackle the issue of dog fouling.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Council is asked to consider the recommendation from the MAKI Area Committee, that work is undertaken to explore the possibility of a programme of naming and shaming individuals who are fined for dog fouling, and if minded to accept the recommendation to instruct the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure to investigate the matter and report back.

4.0 DETAIL

- 4.1 At the MAKI Area Committee held on 5 August 2015, Members considered a report which provided them with an update on the work being undertaken to tackle dog fouling in the MAKI area. During discussion of the item, Members were made aware of initiatives which are being undertaken by other Councils in relation to the dog fouling issue. One of these initiatives is a “naming and shaming” programme which has been undertaken by some Councils, including Glasgow City Council.
- 4.2 This would involve a mechanism being put in place where people who are issued with fines for allowing their dog to foul are then identified publicly, using methods such as adverts in local press publications.
- 4.3 The MAKI Area Committee agreed that a recommendation be put forward to the next meeting of Council asking that work is undertaken to explore the possibility of a programme of naming and shaming individuals who are fined for dog fouling.

5.0 CONCLUSION

5.1 The issue of dog fouling continues to be a subject which is discussed in detail at many of the Area Committee meetings. The MAKI Area Committee Members are asking that consideration is given to a possible “naming and shaming” programme.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

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| 6.1 | Policy | If a “naming and shaming” programme was considered, this could involve a new policy being drafted. |
| 6.2 | Financial | There may be cost implications if press adverts were used. |
| 6.3 | Legal | Work would have to be undertaken to identify any possible legal issues. |
| 6.4 | HR | None |
| 6.5 | Equalities | None |
| 6.6 | Risk | None |
| 6.7 | Customer Service | None |

Executive Director of Customer Services

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2nd September 2015

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Extract Minute from meeting of MAKI Area Committee held on 5 August 2015.