

**DOG FOULING ISSUES, TARBERT**

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**1.0 Background**

1.1 This briefing note provides an update on dog fouling issues in Tarbert.

**2.0 Details**

2.1 A detailed report was taken to Council in January 2017 setting out options and opportunities for naming and shaming with a view to reducing dog fouling.

2.2 Dog fouling enforcement is managed via the council's environmental wardens. As one of the five main population centres in the Mid Argyll and Kintyre area, Tarbert receives at least one visit per week from each of our Amenity Services Wardens. Recent visits have paid particular attention to the area around the school, the path from the school to the playing fields, School Road, Castle Street and the path around the Harbour from the shops to the playpark. Additional enforcement officers are in place across each of the four administrative areas on a 12 month contract, their duties include litter and dog fouling enforcement.

2.3 We are aware that a number of comments are made with regards to dog fouling in Tarbert, however there appears to be a reluctance on behalf of Tarbert residents to identify known offenders or to provide specific information about where and when offences are occurring. Tarbert continues to be monitored on a regular basis. If any information is forthcoming regarding perpetrators, the environmental wardens will use this information to target both education and enforcement. Across Argyll and Bute, some community groups are actively engaged in managing and reducing dog fouling. These groups can often be complimentary to the work that the Council carries out.

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