

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

**REPORT AND DECISION NOTICE OF OFFICER KEY
DECISION TAKEN ON TUESDAY, 15 OCTOBER, 2019**

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DEADLINE FOR CALL-IN MONDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2019

AMENDMENT OF, AND ADDITION TO, LOST AND STRAY DOG CHARGES

This **Key Decision** was taken by Angie Astley, Assistant Director: Customer and Neighbourhood Services, under Delegated Powers in compliance with the provisions of the Council's Constitution.

The **Key Decision** related to the following item for which Notice was given on Monday 16th September 2019.

Fee Charge for Stray Dogs

The Key Decision will impact on more than one ward in the borough.

INFORMATION

Section 149 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, sets out the Council's duty to collect and kennel stray dogs found anywhere within the boundaries of the Borough, due to the dangers presented both to the dog and the public. The Act also made provision for any individual claiming to be the owner of a dog seized on behalf of the Council to pay any expenses incurred in the delivery of the service, including the cost of veterinary bills where applicable. The Environmental Protection (Stray Dogs) Regulations 1992 contained provisions for a statutory fee of £25 for the purpose of recovering costs in the undertaking of this duty.

The report presented to the Assistant Director: Neighbourhood and Customer Services advised that following the end of the previous contract, the service had been delivered since 1 April 2019 via an external contract with a local provider (Hilbrae Rescue Kennels). The cost of the service had previously been met by the Council with no charges applied to the owners of stray dogs for collection, kennelling and veterinary services. However, to aid the Council to recover the costs of the service, it was now proposed that a fixed fee be recovered from owners upon collection of stray dogs.

After benchmarking with neighbouring authorities it was proposed to implement fixed fee charges of £40 for non-chipped dogs and £35 for chipped dogs upon collection of the stray dog by its owner. The cost of any veterinary treatment including care administered by the kennels could be charged for in addition to the above charges.

DECISION – That the Assistant Director of Neighbourhood & Customer Services sets and delegates the lost and stray dog charges and recovery process to the stray dog

service contractor in accordance with the authority granted to Chief Officers in the Constitution of the Council as follows:-

- (a) a fee of £40 for a dog not chipped, reducing to £35 for a chipped dog upon collection of the stray dog by the Owner; and
- (b) recovery of the cost of veterinary treatment where applicable.

Further Information/Contact – Dave Hanley Environmental & Neighbourhood Services Service Delivery Manager Email: dave.hanley@telford.gov.uk.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Eatough', enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval shape.

Jonathan Eatough

Assistant Director: Governance, Procurement & Commissioning

Dated: 16 October 2019