

ANGUS COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENTAL AND LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE – 29 MAY 2003

APPOINTMENT OF AUTHORISED OFFICERS

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

ABSTRACT

This report seeks to update the authorisation of the Council's Dog Wardens to enforce provisions in legislation in connection with duties of that office.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Angus Council with immediate effect authorise its Dog Wardens employed by the Council within the Environmental and Consumer Protection Department to enforce provisions of an authorised officer within the Animal Health Act 1981, Dogs Act 1906, Protection of Animals Act 1912, Performing Animals Act 1925 and Section 32 of the Food Safety Act 1990.

2. BACKGROUND

In pursuance of the assistance necessary of the Dog Wardens in matters of animal health it will now be necessary to ensure that due authorisations are in place to facilitate right of access and enforcement as regards:-

Dogs Act 1906 – burial of agricultural animals

Protection of Animals Act 1912 – reporting incidents of cruelty

Performing Animals Act 1925 – inspection and enforcement provisions

Food Safety Act 1990 – provision of entry to premises under Section 32

Animal Health Act 1981 – providing the power of enforcement on officers of a local authority and being the principal Act that establishes various Orders relating to the health and welfare and control of animals.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLCATIONS

There are no financial implications in respect of these authorisations as these merely serve to assist the Dog Wardens to more effectively carry out the work of the department.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS

There are no Human Rights issues arising from this report.

5. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, Director of Finance and Director of Law and Administration have been consulted on the contents of this report.

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Director of Environmental and Consumer Protection

No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing this report.

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