

**NORTH DEVON COUNCIL**

**POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021**

**NOTICE OF MOTION TO FULL COUNCIL ON 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021 BY  
COUNCILLOR BIEDERMAN IN RESPECT OF ITEM 7 ON THE POLICY  
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA**

Minute 205(c): To consider motions of which notice has been submitted by Members in accordance with Part 4, Council Procedure Rules, Paragraph 11 of the Constitution

- (c) To consider the following notice of motion received by Councillor Biederman “This Council notes the impact of dog fouling on our communities, from those who fail to act responsibly by not picking up their dogs’ mess or once picked up, not disposing properly of the bag.

Despite the fantastic work done by our small but dedicated wardens to raise awareness, educate and enforce, there is a significant minority who fail to respect the rules and community by doing the right thing.

Our Council has a positive attitude towards dogs because of the strong contribution they make to our mental and physical health, and our local economy. We witness the huge Staycation movement which advertises our area as “dog friendly” and we need to be pro-active about the provision we create, the standards we expect and the efforts we make to support responsible ownership.

A Litter Strategy has been accepted so we propose that we have a dedicated Dog Strategy for NDC.

This strategy would:

- Delegate authority to more people to enforce positive behaviour eg. Town and Parish Council staff, National Trust and Park Rangers and other NDC staff like parking wardens.
- Provide more training such as Community Safety Accreditation Scheme to staff to be able to issue on the spot penalty notices.
- Invest in preventative and investigative equipment to gather evidence.
- Work with tourism operators to be pro-active in informing visitors with dogs to North Devon on good practice.
- Use education as a tool to facilitate our aims within our communities.
- Encompass any aspect of dog control of which the council approves.”