



Oversight Committee on Animal Welfare Meeting

- The first official meeting of the Oversight Committee on Animal Welfare was held on the 12th May 2021. In attendance were:

Cllr. Deirdre Heney	Brendan Kenny, Deputy Chief Executive
Cllr. Caroline Conroy	Pat Teehan, A/Senior Executive Officer
Cllr. Donna Cooney	Declan Ronan, Area Housing Officer
Cllr. Cieran Perry	Gareth Matthews – Minute Taker
Garda Sergeant Angela Bates	Garda Gillian Duffy

- Cllr. Deirdre Heney elected Chairperson of Committee.
- Cllr. Cieran Perry elected Vice Chairperson of Committee.
- (DH) - All meetings to be held in camera due to the sensitivity of Animal Welfare and Tender process. All Council members are welcome to attend the committee meetings.
- An update was given on the tender process and the members of the evaluation was agreed.
- The following bi-monthly meeting schedule for 2021 has been agreed:
14th July 2021 @ 9am
13th September 2021 @ 9am
15th November 2021 @ 9am
- Terms of reference to be finalised and agreed at the next meeting
- Members of the subcommittee can contact Pat Teehan and or Declan Ronan for out of office Animal Welfare issues. A 24/7 number for the reporting of animal welfare emergencies will be set up and monitored on out of hours times and weekends. This will be completed by end July 2021.
- A member of the Department of Agriculture, food and the Marine will be invited to the next meeting as a participating member.

Actions:

- Vans for the use of the Animal Welfare Unit have been leased, liveried and currently being kitted out.
- Equipment for the safe handling of animals is currently being sought and purchased.
- The Single Party Framework Agreement for the Provision of a Dog Shelter Service has closed on tenders. There were 10 expressions of interest and three tenderers have completed the tender process. Members of the evaluation committee are currently assessing the validity of the tenders prior to a full evaluation to be completed in the coming weeks.
- A new Animal Welfare Unit page is currently being designed for inclusion on Dublin.ie. The page will contain information on the Unit, the Oversight Committee and the minutes of meetings once agreed by the Chairperson.
- The Animal Welfare Unit continues to meet with the Dublin Regional Horse Welfare Group and also with the other Dublin Councils. Personnel from the Unit has also visited various animal shelters and rescue centre over the last number of weeks to ascertain what.
- Animal Welfare staff met with staff from the DSPCA on Thursday 27th May on Dunsink Lane for a chip and pin clinic as part of an ongoing programme to engage horse owners in the area.

- The Unit is continuing its work to develop and improve policies and procedures to ensure that animal welfare is central to our work across the city.
- The Unit is continuing to develop relationships with statutory, voluntary, charitable and community organisations with a specific interest in animal welfare.