



Comhairle Cathrach
Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council

Report to Housing SPC

Date: Wednesday 9th March 2022

Item No. 6v

Oversight Committee on Animal Welfare

Wednesday 23rd February 2022

Meeting via Teleconferencing (Zoom)

9.00am – 10.00am

Minutes

In Attendance:

Cllr. Deirdre Heaney (DH)

Cllr. Cieran Perry

Cllr. Caroline Conroy (CC)

Martina Kenny (MK) (My Lovely Horse)

Garda Gillian Duffy (GD)

Officials:

Frank Darcy, Executive Housing Manager (FD)

Pat Teehan, Administrative Officer (PT)

Minute Taker: Gareth Matthews, Staff Officer

Apologies

Catherine Lawlor (CL) (Department of Agriculture)

Cllr. Donna Cooney (DC)

Garda Aine McCrillon (AMC)

		Discussion	Actions
1.	Minutes of last meeting	➤ Chairperson welcomes everyone	
2.	Update on temporary dog shelter facility in Hollygrove	➤ Hollygrove Kennels are continuing to provide the Council with a service of dog shelter on a quarterly contract basis.	Continue to monitor the shelters to ensure continued good performance.
3.	Update of progress of provision of municipal dog shelter facility	➤ DCC will begin work to find suitable location ideally in Dublin for provision of a municipal dog shelter	PT) role is fully within Animal Welfare Unit now and will be focusing on obtaining a suitable permanent dog shelter for DCC
4.	Update on recruitment of additional two dog wardens	➤ Two additional dog warden positions will be advertised internally by DCC no later than Tuesday 1 st of March	(PT) to finalize advertisement of the two positions with HR this week.
5.	Overview of Animal Welfare Unit including Animal Welfare Unit website and function to include photos of dogs in the shelter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ DCC current website is problematic with the inability to upload current stray/dogs available to be rehomed. The Animal Welfare Unit will look to set up social media page on Facebook. ➤ Issue with horses tethered along canal-this needs to be prevented. CCTV cameras are at location and AW Unit to work with An Garda Síochána and My Lovely Horse to tackle this issue. ➤ DCC AW Unit to attend Green Dog Day in June and focus on educating children/schools in areas of high Horse ownership. Will also include responsible pet ownership. 	<p>(PT) & (GD) to identify alternatives if the functionality of the webpage is not suitable</p> <p>(PT) & (GD) to identify & meet with the appropriate Gardaí in the area to begin tackling the issue.</p> <p>AWU will seek to engage with Gardai and MLH to engage with schools regarding responsible pet ownership</p>
6.	Year-end report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The sustainability of rehoming large number of horses and dogs with the increase of dog ownership during the pandemic and people returning to work. ➤ DCC at a large deficit financially from Horse seizures 	DCC will deal with the number of dogs entering the shelter
7.	Scheduling of next meetings 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ (DH) Agreed 1 meeting on a bi-monthly basis to be held on Wednesdays at 9am ➤ If there is a need for an additional meeting between the schedule this will be communicated and arranged accordingly. 	<p>All Meetings 9.00am start</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27th April • 29th June • 31st August • 26th October • 21st December

Next Meeting 27th April 2022 at 9.00am via ZOOM