



Comhairle Cathrach  
Bhaile Átha Cliath  
Dublin City Council

**Report to Housing SPC**

**Date: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**Item No. 6v**

### **Oversight Committee on Animal Welfare Meeting**

- Hollygrove Kennels continues to provide Dog Boarding Services to the council.
- Dogs Trust continue to provide rehoming services to the Animal Welfare Unit. The Unit will continue to liaise with other animal welfare organisations regarding the rehoming of dogs.
- It is now Dublin City Councils policy to include Kennel Cough in our vaccination suite. Worming and flea control is also mandatory for all dogs entering our care.
- A new Animal Welfare Unit page has been designed as part of [Dublincity.ie](http://Dublincity.ie). The page will be fully accessible and it will be requested that a link to the page from the main site page is provided for ease of access. All information is up to date and correct.
- The responsibility of Dog Owners has been republished with new contacts and information that is up to date.
- Two new Temporary Dog Wardens have been appointed to the Animal Welfare Unit. A further two Wardens will be advertised shortly.
- An application is to be made to the Department in order to secure permission for four Dog Wardens and to regularise the Inspectors position.
- The Out of Hours/Emergency number 01 2226060 is up and running. The number will be monitored by the Dog Wardens and the Inspector.
- Training for staff and Dog Wardens regarding safe handling techniques, capture and seize, legislation and local byelaws is due to begin in September. It may be possible to allot some places for our colleagues in An Garda Síochána if there is an interest.

### **Actions:**

- Working with Gardai to continue to monitor Carriage and Animal Welfare concerns. Inspections will be carried out periodically at Guinness Brewery, Temple Bar and Stephen's Green. All licences, Tags and the welfare of the animals will be checked.
- Equipment for the safe handling of animals has been purchased and delivered.
- 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.
- Various investigations are currently underway across the City.
- The Animal Welfare Unit continues to work with My Lovely Horse and An Garda Síochána in all areas of the City. A number of seizures under the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 have been made and veterinary reports have been provided regarding the seizure state of the dogs. No seized dogs will be returned to the owners at present.
- There are nine dogs currently in our facility. 17 dogs have been rehomed under our agreement with Dogs Trust.
- 71 horses were seized in the Dublin areas in 2021. 11 were euthanized. 16 were returned to owners. €155,000 paid in Pound services.
- 75 dogs were seized/surrendered in the Dublin areas in 2021. 2 were euthanized and 4 were reclaimed by owners. €396,244.08 was spent in 2021 in providing the service with €348,050 recouped leaving a current deficit of €48,194.08

## Control of Horses: 2021

FUNDING OF HORSE CONTROL SERVICES	
Total number of Horses seized/surrendered in 2021	71
Number of Horses Euthanized:	11
Number of Horses Rehomed through Welfare Groups:	44
Number of Horses Reclaimed by Owners:	16
<b>2021 Income by Dublin City Council on:</b>	<b>€</b>
Returns to Owners fees from public. (16 @ €700 per horse)	€11,200
Departmental Recoupment €2,100 recouped from Department for euthanized horses. €9,200 Returned horses recoupment from Dept	€11,300
<b>Sub Total Income</b>	<b>€22,500 Recouped</b>
Total recouped by DCC in 2021:	
<b>2021 Expenditure by Dublin City Council on:</b>	<b>€</b>
HMMS costs for 2021	€155,000
My Lovely Horse	€18,500
<b>Sub Total Expenditure</b>	<b>€173,000</b>
<b>2021 Surplus/Deficit on operation of Horse Control Service</b>	<b>Total €151,000</b>

## Control of Dogs: 2021

FUNDING OF DOG CONTROL SERVICES	
<b>Total number of dogs seized/surrendered in 2021</b>	<b>75</b>
Number of dogs reclaimed by their owners	4
Number of dogs transferred to Dog Welfare Groups (Dogs Trust)	73
Number of greyhounds rehomed/surrendered	2
Number of dogs euthanized	2
<b>2021 Income to Dublin City Council from:</b>	<b>€</b>
<b>(i)</b> Licence fees <b>(including on-line purchases)</b>	<b>343,620</b>
<b>(ii)</b> On-the-spot fines ( €1,500 collected by Ashton Dog Pound)	<b>4,430</b>
<b>(iii)</b> Any other source of income e.g. pound fees etc. (please specify)	<b>0</b>
<b>Sub-total: 3(a)</b>	<b>348,050</b>
<b>2021 Expenditure by Dublin City Council on:</b>	<b>€</b>
<b>(i)</b> Salaries/wages and other expenses of Dog Wardens employed by Ashton Dog Pound	<b>79,060</b>
<b>(ii)</b> Salaries/wages and other expenses of Admin Staff employed by Dublin City Council on Dog Licensing related work, as included at <b>1(b)</b> above	<b>201,650</b>
<b>(iii)</b> Fees to Ashton Dog Pound	<b>70,200</b>
<b>(iv)</b> Other costs incurred by Dublin City Council e.g. use of dog vans/car including fit out, equipment for dog handling, training, dog shelters, vets' fees, maintaining records, issuing reminders, publicity, promotional activity etc. <b>other than those at (i), (ii) and (iii) above</b>	<b>45,334.08</b>
<b>Sub-total: 3(b)</b>	<b>396,244.08</b>
<b>2021 Surplus/deficit on operation of dog control service</b>	<b>Total -48,194.08</b>

**Control of Horses: 2022**

<b>FUNDING OF HORSE CONTROL SERVICES</b>	
Total number of Horses seized/surrendered in 2022 as of 22nd Feb 2022	8 (4 currently in shelter)
Number of Horses Euthanized:	0
Number of Horses Rehomed through Welfare Groups:	4
Number of Horses Reclaimed by Owners:	0

**Control of Dogs 2022**

<b>FUNDING OF DOG CONTROL SERVICES</b>	
<b>Total number of dogs seized/surrendered in 2022 as of 22nd Feb 2022</b>	<b>42</b>
Number of dogs reclaimed by their owners	10
Number of dogs transferred to Dog Welfare Groups (Dogs Trust)	26
Number of greyhounds rehomed/surrendered	0
Number of dogs euthanized	0
<b>2021 Income to Dublin City Council from:</b>	
<b>(i)</b>	<b>€</b>
Licence fees <b>(including on-line purchases)</b>	<b>41,340</b>
<b>(ii)</b>	<b>3,055</b>
On-the-spot fines	
<b>(iii)</b>	<b>0</b>
Any other source of income e.g. pound fees etc. (please specify)	
<b>Sub-total: 3(a)</b>	<b>44,395</b>