

# Policy

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**Title:** Dog Management

**Category:** Corporate Governance

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## 1. Objectives

This Policy, including the development of a Dog Management Strategy, represents the requirements of the *Dog Control Act 2000*, in that it has been reviewed within the 5 year timeframe, sets out a code of responsible ownership, identifies the declared areas and a fee structure.

## 2. Background

The Dog Control Act 2000, requires a council to develop and implement a policy relating to dog management in its municipal areas. The policy is to include the following:

- a code relating to responsible ownership of dogs;
- the provision of declared areas;
- a fee structure; and
- any other relevant matter.

The *Dog Control Act 2000*, requires the Council to prepare a Dog Management Policy and for the policy to be reviewed at least every five years.

## 3. Policy

That:

- 1 The Council recognises that it has a significant role in the effective management of dog control.
- 2 In accordance with the *Dog Control Act 2000* the Council has developed a Dog Management Strategy 2014-2018 which includes:

- (i) a code relating to responsible ownership of dogs;
- (ii) the provision of declared areas; and
- (iii) a fee structure;

3 The guiding principles which underpin this strategy are:

The Council recognises the significant contribution a well-trained and cared for dog can contribute to building a strong and healthy community.

- (i) Council's role will be consistent with the desires of the community to achieve a compatible relationship between dogs, dog owners, neighbours, the local community; to minimise impact on the environment; and to achieve legislative compliance.
- (ii) All dog owners residing and visiting the City abide by the requirements of the *Dog Control Act 2000*, and the Council's Dog Management Policy.

4 This Policy will be reviewed at least once every five (5) years in accordance with Section 7(4) of the *Dog Control Act 2000*.

## 4. Legislation, Terminology and References

*Dog Control Act 2000*

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