

**REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR SUE SADDINGTON**

**REPORT TITLE: SEASONAL CANINE ILLNESS FINAL REPORT**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To present the final report and recommendations of the review into Seasonal Canine Illness in Nottinghamshire undertaken by the Communities and the Environment Standing Committee.

**Information**

2. The County Council's Communities and the Environment Standing Committee undertakes reviews on issues that are of concern to Members. Each review reports its findings and can make recommendations for improvement.
3. A Study Group comprising Members of the Communities & the Environment Standing Committee recently completed a review which examined the issues associated with Seasonal Canine Illness (SCI) within the County including the possible causes and measures which might be put in place to protect dogs..
4. The recommendations developed by the Study Group during the course of this review are set out below and the final report is attached as an appendix.
  - In the event of any case or outbreak of SCI in Nottinghamshire, the County Council should aim to arrange a site visit from one of the experts who have been assisting the AHT.
  - The County Council should monitor developments during the course of the year and report back to the Communities and Environment Standing Committee's successor towards the end of 2012.

- Appropriate signage should be deployed on Nottinghamshire County Council land frequented by dog walkers during the anticipated period, i.e. late August through to early October, warning of the risk of SCI. The advice to the public should be to keep dogs on a lead and on the path.
- The County Council should continue to engage positively with local land owners and offer guidance and advice on the use of warning signage as necessary.

## **Options**

5. None. Standing Committees are required to pass recommendations to Cabinet for consideration.

## **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

6. The final report and recommendations are passed to Cabinet in order to allow the appropriate Portfolio Holder(s) to provide a response to the standing committee within two months.
7. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **Implications for Sustainability and the Environment**

8. It is considered that the recommendations contained within this report would, if implemented, make a positive contribution to the environment of Nottinghamshire.

## **Recommendation**

9. That Cabinet is asked to consider the report and recommendations of the Seasonal Canine Illness Review - which are set out in Appendix 1 to this report - and that an appropriate Cabinet Member provides a response to the Standing Committee within two months.

**Councillor Sue Saddington,**

## **Chair of Communities and the Environment Standing Committee**

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### **Constitutional Comments ()**

Cabinet has power to consider the report and recommendations.SHB.29.02.12".

### **Financial Comments ()**

Any costs associated with warning signage will be contained within the overall budget for Country Parks ( KJH 6/03/12)

### **Background Papers**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

### **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All.