



<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Proposal to Establish Additional Dog Runs within the Borough</b>
<b>Committee Report Submitted To:</b>	<b>Environmental Services Committee</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b>
<b>For Decision or For Information</b>	<b>For Decision</b>

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)</b>	
Strategic Theme	Improvement and Innovation
Outcome	Provide quality environments which evolve to meet the needs of their citizens
Lead Officer	Head of Estates

<b>Budgetary Considerations</b>	
Cost of Proposal	
Included in Current Year Estimates	<b>NO</b>
Capital/Revenue	
Code	
Staffing Costs	

<b>Screening Requirements</b>	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes	Date:

## **1.0 Purpose of Report**

### **1.1 To identify options for establishing more 'dog runs' within the Borough as requested by Members**

## **2.0 Background**

2.1 Council have two dog runs in Riverside Park, Ballymoney. These are fenced areas where dog owners can let their dogs roam off their leads. Members have asked if similar runs could be established elsewhere in the Borough.

2.2 Officers have identified possible locations using the following criteria:

- a) Frequented by dog walkers/near centres of population
- b) Large enough in which to place a dog run (size 1000m<sup>2</sup> to 1500m<sup>2</sup>) without impacting on other users
- c) Not close to residential properties risking noise/nuisance to property owners
- d) Easily accessible either by foot or vehicle
- e) Extensive opening hours or permanently open to the public
- f) Not subject to any by-laws prohibiting walking of dogs
- g) Not part of any AONB, ASSI etc

2.3 Council own extensive open space but when the above criteria are applied the possibilities are restricted to, for example, established open space (such as Riverside Park), namely:

- a) Christie Park, Coleraine
- b) Roe Mill Recreation Grounds, Limavady
- c) St John's, Portstewart
- d) Quay Road Playing Fields, Ballycastle
- e) Westbay, Portrush

## **3.0 Proposal**

3.1 Committee are asked to assess the selection criteria used and the proposed sites. They may wish to advise officers on the appropriateness of the criteria and sites. Members may also wish to propose alternative sites.

## **4.0 Options**

4.1 Accept selection criteria and proposed sites. Each site will cost approximately £2,000 using chestnut paling fencing. A higher specification fence will cost approximately £6,000 per site.

4.2 Amend selection criteria and/or suggest alternative sites. Officers to bring back costed proposals based on Members comments.

**5.0 Recommendation(s)**

Members are asked to advise officers on their preferred option. Officers to bring back costed proposals to committee.