



Title of Report:	The Dogs On Leads (Ballintoy to Whitepark Bay) Order
Committee Report Submitted To:	Environmental Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	16th January 2024
For Decision or For Information	For Decision
To be discussed In Committee	NO

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Healthy and Engaged Communities
Outcome	Implementation of statutory requirements
Lead Officer	Head of Health & Built Environment

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	Advertising, Signage & Enforcement
Included in Current Year Estimates	No
Capital/Revenue	N/A
Code	2141
Staffing Costs	N/A

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	NO
Legal Opinion Obtained	NO

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

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to decide when the Dog Control Order requiring dogs to be kept on leads between Ballintoy Harbour and Whitepark Bay comes into force.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Further to ES231114 and CM231205 Council agreed to proceed with making a Dog Control Order to require dogs to be on leads at all times on specified lands between Ballintoy Harbour and Whitepark Bay whether livestock are present or not.

- 2.2 The new legislation to be introduced, in the form of The Dogs On Leads (Ballintoy to Whitepark Bay) Order, is attached as appendix 1.

- 2.3 To enact this legislation Council must now follow The Dog Control Orders (Procedures) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 of which Article 3 (4) states:-

Article 3(4) After making a dog control order, the district council shall, not less than seven days before the day on which the order is to come into operation—

(a) where practicable, place signs summarising the order in conspicuous positions on or near the land in respect of which it applies;

(b) publish, in a local newspaper circulating in the area in which the land in respect of which the order applies is situated, a notice that the order has been made and stating the place at which the order may be inspected and copies of it obtained; and

(c) make the information referred to in sub-paragraph (b) available on its website.

- 2.4 A lead in period before the new dog control order is introduced would allow time for the above procedures to be implemented as well as for some publicity and communications on the new legislation.

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Environmental Services Committee recommends to Council that The Dogs On Leads (Ballintoy to Whitepark Bay) Order will come into effect on 1st April 2024.

The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

The Dog Control Orders (Prescribed Offences and Penalties, etc.) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021 (S.R 2012 No 114)

The Dogs On Leads (Ballintoy to Whitepark Bay) Order (2023)

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council makes the following Order –

Commencement

1. This Order comes into operation on 1st April 2024

Application

2. This Order applies to the land specified in the Schedule.

Offence

3. (1) Any person in charge of a dog is guilty of an offence if, at any time, on any land to which this Order applies he does not keep the dog on a lead unless-
 - (a) The person has a reasonable excuse for doing so; or
 - (b) The owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to the person doing so.

(2) Nothing in this Article applies to a person with a disability (within the meaning of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995) in respect of a dog kept or used by the person wholly or mainly for the purpose of assisting the person to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

(3) For the purposes of this article a person who habitually has a dog in their possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog.

Penalty

4. A person guilty of an offence under Article 3 is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.


(Date)

(Attestation clause)

Schedule

Lands from the point at which Whitepark Bay meets Ballintoy Public Right of Way until the final gate leading to Ballintoy Harbour which is shown edged red on the plan attached.



 Dogs on Leads Order

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