

<b>WELFARE OF ANIMALS ACT (NI) 2011</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016</b>
<b>TO: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE</b>	
<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>	

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)</b>	
<b>Strategic Priority</b>	Resilient, Healthy and Engaged Communities
<b>Objective</b>	Compliance with statutory requirement
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Bryan Edgar
<b>Cost: (If applicable)</b>	N/A

### **1.1 Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council v Mr Russell Morrow**

Russell Morrow, aged 30, a resident of Coleraine, was sentenced at Coleraine Magistrates Court on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016, following charges brought against him under Sections 4 (unnecessary suffering) and 9 (ensuring the welfare of animals) of the Welfare of Animals Act (NI) 2011.

Mr Morrow was previously convicted in his absence of causing the unnecessary suffering of two horses for which he was responsible, as well as failing to look after their welfare needs, together with two other horses. The charges related to findings following an investigation by Animal Welfare Officers regarding offences in July 2013. Due to severe emaciation, one of the horses had to be euthanized at the scene and a disposal order was ultimately granted to the Council in respect of the other three horses. Despite Councils best endeavours the remaining horses were unable to be rehomed and regrettably also had to be euthanized. Mr Morrow received a custodial sentence of three months to run concurrently on each of the two charges and was also disqualified from possessing and keeping equines for a 5-year period and ordered to pay costs of £225.