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**PRESENT:** Councillors PA Hulse (Chairperson)  
DA Yates, JP (Deputy Chairperson)  
DQ Battersby, JP  
JM Clews, QSO, JP  
AC Fenton (from 12.09 pm)  
JP Lawley (from 12.25 pm)  
GE Nash, QSM, JP  
VS Neeson, JP  
CA Stone

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Director: Strategy & Development  
Senior Analyst Environmental  
Animal Welfare Manager  
Committee Secretary: O Schuster

**1 APOLOGIES**

1787/2004

MOVED by Cr Yates, seconded Cr Nash:

That apologies from Crs Brady, Dallow, Hoskin, Lawley, Presland and Russell for absence and Cr Fenton for lateness be received and sustained.

**CARRIED**

**PART III - ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

**15 HEARING REPORT FOR THE DRAFT POLICY ON DOGS AND DOG CONTROL  
BYLAW**

1788/2004

MOVED by Cr Battersby, seconded Cr Clews:

That the submission (39) seeking an addition to the definition of "working dog" to include participants in dog sports be declined and the definition to remain the same as the definition in the Dog Control Act.

**CARRIED**

1789/2004

MOVED by Cr Battersby, seconded Cr Yates:

That the submission (17) seeking a specified maximum length of leash be accepted and the definition of leash in the Policy and Bylaw be as follows:

**Leash:** means any lead, chain, strap or other sufficient contrivance of a length not exceeding two metres, which is in good order and will not break if the dog strains or pulls on it. The leash must also have a secure handle or loop to enable the owner to maintain a hold on the leash. Where a leash is retractable/extendable then as long as the leash is retracted to be a maximum of a two metre length when the dog and owner are within 10 metres of any other person or animal then such a contrivance is deemed to fall within the definition of "leash".

**CARRIED**

1790/2004

MOVED by Cr Clews, seconded Cr Yates:

That the submissions opposing the statement "It is a privilege to own a dog" and expressed the belief that it is a right rather than a privilege be declined but that the wording be amended to:

*"Dog ownership carries extra responsibilities".*

**CARRIED**

1791/2004

MOVED by Cr Nash, seconded Cr Yates:

That the submissions in support of the well being of dogs provision in the Bylaw be accepted.

**CARRIED**

1792/2004

MOVED by Cr Neeson, seconded Cr Nash:

That the submission (79) seeking a rewording of the Foreword to the Policy be accepted with the third bullet point to read:

*"The impact of a dog on others is in the hands of the owner of the dog."*

**CARRIED**

1793/2004

MOVED by Cr Yates, seconded Cr Nash:

### **Editing Changes**

That the submission (19) indicating editing errors be accepted and the references to bylaws clauses be corrected accordingly.

**CARRIED**

1794/2004

MOVED by Cr Yates, seconded Cr Battersby:

**Disqualification/Fines**

That the submission (57) opposing the ability of Council to disqualify a person from owning a dog if the owner commits three or more infringement offences be declined. Council must retain the ability to disqualify owners where this is warranted.

**CARRIED**

1795/2004

MOVED by Cr Battersby, seconded Cr Fenton:

That the submission (39) that instant fines were too harsh be declined but that more recognition be given to owners of well-trained dogs through training programmes and advocacy.

**CARRIED**

1796/2004

MOVED by Cr Fenton, seconded Cr Yates:

**Fees (Policy on Dogs)**

That the submissions seeking reduction in dog registration fees for various categories of owner be accepted but, as the fees set are currently incentive based, no change is required to the Policy.

**CARRIED**

12.09 pm Cr Fenton entered the meeting.

1797/2004

MOVED by Cr Nash, seconded Cr Battersby:

**Limiting Number of Dogs (Clause 10, Dog Control Bylaw)**

That the submissions opposing the requirement for a permit to own more than one dog per small property be declined.

**CARRIED**

1798/2004

MOVED by Cr Battersby, seconded Cr Fenton:

**Bitches in Season (Policy on Dogs)**

That the submission (110) seeking an amendment to the advice note recommending veterinary medication be accepted and the wording changed to read:

*"it is recommended that the owner seeks veterinary advice."*

**CARRIED**

1799/2004

MOVED by Cr Fenton, seconded Cr Nash:

### **Dog Breeder's Permit**

That the submission (39) supporting the requirement for a Dog Breeder's Permit be accepted and that the submissions (214, 224 and 310) opposing the requirement be declined.

**CARRIED**

1800/2004

MOVED by Cr Battersby, seconded Cr Stone:

### **Control of Dogs in Public Places**

That the submissions (31 and 57) opposing the restriction for dogs to be on a leash in any public place be declined.

**CARRIED**

12.25 pm Cr Lawley entered the meeting.

1801/2004

MOVED by Cr Battersby, seconded Cr Yates:

### **Regional Park Land**

That the submissions from the Auckland Regional Council relating to the regional park land be accepted and the words amended accordingly.

**CARRIED**

1802/2004

MOVED by Cr Nash, seconded Cr Stone:

### **Prohibited Areas**

That the submission (2) seeking that sports fields become available as off leash areas for dogs when not in use be declined.

**CARRIED**

1803/2004  
MOVED by Cr Battersby, seconded Cr Clews:

**Off Leash Areas**

That the submissions opposing the 10-metre restriction for dogs around playgrounds, fitness apparatus and picnicking areas be accepted in part and the wording amended from 'within 10 metres' to read:

*Within a reasonable distance (10 metres). With the advice note: "Where a dog is being walked on a leash along a pathway that is within 10 metres of fitness or playground apparatus then no breach of the bylaw occurs".*

**CARRIED**

1804/2004  
MOVED by Cr Fenton, seconded Cr Yates:

**Leashed Areas**

That the lower walkway of Harbourview - Orangihina be a leashed area for dogs to protect the wildlife.

**CARRIED**

1805/2004  
MOVED by Cr Fenton, seconded Cr Stone:

That the submissions seeking that part of Waikumete Cemetery become off leash for dogs be declined.

**CARRIED**

1806/2004  
MOVED by Cr Yates, seconded Cr Fenton:

That it be recommended to Council to adopt the Policy on Dogs and Dog Control Bylaw as amended by the decisions made by the Environmental Management Committee.

**CARRIED**

1.12 pm

The Chairperson thanked members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

**CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD.**

**DATE:**.....

**CHAIRPERSON:**.....

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE:**.....