

**To receive and consider the results of a dog fouling survey monkey poll and any associated expenditure**

**Summary:**

**Services Committee meeting held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021:**

**54/21/22 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER A REPORT ON DOG FOULING.**

It was proposed by Councillor Peggs, seconded by Councillor Bullock and **RESOLVED**


1. That the SDM obtains associated costs of additional Cornwall Council Enforcement Officer hours for Saltash reporting back at the next Services Committee meeting to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

*A request for further information to Cornwall Council's Public Protection Team has been sent to ascertain associated costs and if the Service requested is still available to local Town and Parish Council's.*

*A team's meeting is to be held with Cornwall Council and the Service Delivery Department to further discuss the service level agreement on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.*

2. That the Administration Department issue a Survey Monkey Poll requesting the community to confirm the hotspot areas for dog fouling reporting the results back at a future Services Committee meeting for Members to consider the purchase of dog fouling enforcement signs.

*The Survey Monkey Poll was scheduled and advertised on all social media channels, website and notice boards from 9am Monday 1st November 2021 to 5pm Thursday 25th November 2021.*



**SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL**

# Have Your Say.....

**Problem Areas with Dog Fouling**  
**What's your thoughts?**

At the Services Committee held on Wednesday 15th October 2021 Members discussed and considered areas of concern relating to dog fouling offences.

Saltash Town Council asks the community of Saltash to inform us of any areas in Saltash which are believed to be 'hotspots' for dog fouling.

In completing this short survey you are assisting in identifying problematic areas for repeat dog fouling offences. Saltash Town Council will use the information provided in your response to purchase information enforcement notices to assist in educating those who are unaware of the issues relating to dog fouling.

The survey will be available for responses from Monday 1st November 2021 until 5PM Thursday 25th November 2021.

So go on, have your say and help keep our streets, parks and open spaces clear and clean for everyone to enjoy.

**Find the link to the survey below or on our website and social media channels**

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RNJKXRX>  
@SaltashTownCouncilOfficial  
@SaltashTC  
[www.saltash.gov.uk/php](http://www.saltash.gov.uk/php)

Summary of results:

Total Responses Received: **40**

Please see attached responses.

Top four areas reported as 'hotspots' for dog fouling offences:

- i. Chapel Field
- ii. Cinder Paths by Primary Schools Burraton and St Stephens
- iii. Churchtown
- iv. Football and Rugby Pitches

*Cornwall Council provide enforcement signs that can be purchased by STC. Previously they were approximately £16.00 to £18.00 per sign, however, these are the small yellow signs and not the large signs which made a sufficient impact when used previously.*

*We are awaiting further information and hope to update Members at the Services Committee meeting.*

3. To request Cornwall Council's permission to stencil the school routed pavements to assist in educating the community on the issues of dog fouling.

*The Service Delivery Manager submitted a request to Cornwall Council for permissions to stencil school routed pavements in Saltash.*

*We are awaiting a response and hope to update Members at the Services Committee meeting.*

### **Further Options Researched:**

There are alternative options the Town Council may wish to advertise to further educate and assist residents in reporting problematic areas. These include the following:

1. Cornwall Council:

Cornwall Council have a dedicated form on their website to report dog fouling.

'If there's dog mess you'd like to see removed straight away, please report this to the [Waste and Recycling Team](#).'

2. Mobile Phone Applications:

An application called 'Pooper Snooper' can assist local authorities in identifying any areas which may be cause for concern as well as offering map locations for the nearest dog waste bins.

<https://poopersnooper.app/get-started>

It appears that no costs are associated with this application.

There are many other options, ideas and proven ways Councils have approached the issue of dog fouling via educational means. These include:

- Free Dog Bag Dispensers provided through sponsorship
- Identified dog walking routes via the Dog's Trust
- Waste bin locations to be clearly visible via the use of illuminated stickering.

### **Finance:**

**Budget Code:** 6506 Grounds Maintenance & Watering

**Budget Availability:** £5,230.00

### **Options:**

1. There is a possibility of a Service Level Agreement between Cornwall Council and STC. We are awaiting further information and hope to update Members at the Services Committee meeting.
2. To purchase and install Enforcement Signs for hotspot areas identified in the Survey Monkey Poll cost to be determined.
3. Utilise Social Media, noticeboards, local newspapers, the loudspeakers and the Town Council's website to further educate dog owners and how to report dog fouling via Cornwall Council's website.
4. To confirm further researched options be explored and implemented where possible subject to no further costs being accrued by the Town Council.

**End of Report.**