



Coventry City Council

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Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Report in response to a petition requesting the Council to act to help get dogs seized and destroyed if they attack and cause injury humans or other dogs

I refer to the above petition which you supported and write to inform you that the petition and a corresponding report was considered by the Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Equalities) at his meeting held on Thursday 9th February 2012.

At that meeting, Councillor Townshend considered the issues contained in the report and matters raised at the meeting and the Cabinet Member:-

- (1) Noted, congratulated, encouraged and supported the existing work of the Local Authority and Police in dealing with dangerous and stray dogs using existing legislation and such other tools which may be available to address these issues.
- (2) Approved the content of a letter to be drafted by the Assistant Director (Community Safety) to be sent to the Secretary of State for DEFRA requesting the Government to consider bringing forward updated legislation to improve the ability of authorities to respond to cases of dog attacks occurring inside domestic premises and expressing prima facie support for the draft control dog Bill attached.
- (3) That a report back on progress be submitted to a Cabinet Member meeting scheduled after 3rd May 2012 for consideration by the appropriate Cabinet Member with responsibility for Community Safety.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number.



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Yours sincerely

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Copy to: Councillor Clifford, Holbrooks Ward Councillor
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