



13th July, 2020.

RE: ANIMAL WELFARE CHARTER COMMITTEE

Dear Councillor,

The Council had previously agreed to establish an Animal Welfare Charter Committee and same was placed on agenda for discussion at the Council Meeting to be held last March. Unfortunately, that meeting did not proceed, owing to the Covid-19 restrictions.

Recommendation: Approval is now sought to establish an Animal Welfare Committee to comprise as follows:

- 6 elected representatives of the Council; and
- 5 nominees from the following charitable and other organisations:
 - KSPCA;
 - IFA;
 - Dogs Trust;
 - PAWS Animal Rescue; and
 - My Lovely Horse Rescue.

It is further recommended that the Animal Welfare Charter Committee be responsible for monitoring and providing oversight of the implementation of the Council's Animal Welfare Charter for Dogs and Horses (*copy attached*).

The Charter outlines the main provisions of the Control of Dogs and Control of Horses Acts and the related animal welfare responsibilities of dog owners and horse owners.

Signed:

**Sean McKeown,
Director of Services.**

Encl.