

Dog Control Bylaw & Policy Reviews

Elected Member Briefing

Purpose of the Review

- The Dog Control Bylaw must be reviewed every ten years under the Local Government Act 2002
- Under the Dog Control Act 1996, a bylaw review triggers a policy review
- Both are due for review by December 2025
- Run a conjoint review process for efficiency



The Policy & Bylaw

- **Policy** covers guidelines and principles offering a framework for decision making (e.g. owner responsibilities and rules)
- **Bylaw** covers regulations to prevent nuisance, promote safety, and safeguard the welfare of animals (e.g. general controls and ability to prohibit dogs from specific areas)



Issues identified so far

- Dogs in shared spaces
 - e.g. riverbank paths
 - e.g. sports fields
- Commercial dog walkers
- Changes to dog exercise and prohibition areas
e.g. Hōniana Te Puni Reserve
- Clarifying some daylight saving restrictions
- Improving signage accuracy and consistency
- Responsibilities of owners



Community Engagement

Pre-engagement:

- Early feedback to shape the review
- Building community awareness and interest in the reviews
- Identify issues, external stakeholders and community concerns

Formal consultation (Special Consultative Procedure):

- Comprehensive information available to support community engagement
- Focussed questions around identified issues
- Opportunities to provide feedback on draft policy + bylaw



Review Process and Timeline

Council Briefing	25 September 2024
Pre-engagement with the community	14-31 October 2024
Council Briefing – Draft Bylaw/Policy + Statements of Proposal	19 February 2025
PFSC + Full Council – Draft Bylaw/Policy + Statements of Proposal	4 March 2025
Special Consultative Procedure begins – formal community engagement	5 March 2025
Special Consultative Procedure ends – formal community engagement	5 April 2025
Subcommittee hearing – including oral submissions	TBC May 2025
PFSC – SCP results + finalised drafts	8 July 2025
Full Council – adoption of Bylaw/Policy	29 July 2025



Patai/Questions?

