

STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

SECTION: DELEGATIONS	
POLICY: <u>DOG CONTROL</u>	
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1. DELEGATION AUTHORITY

The delegations listed below are made pursuant to Schedule 7, Clause 32(1) of the Local Government Act 2002. All section references pertain to the Dog Control Act 1996 unless stated otherwise.

The Stratford District Council makes the following delegations to the Chief Executive Officer or to any officer appointed by him.

2. DELEGATION - CLASSIFICATION OF PROBATIONARY OWNERS

- Section 21 - classify a person as a probationary owner and to serve notice to that effect.
- Section 22 - hear and reach a decision in respect of an objection lodged as a result of a dog owner being classified a probationary owner.
- Section 23 - terminate any such classification.
- Section 23A - to require a probationary owner to undertake training.

2. DELEGATION - DISQUALIFICATION OF OWNERS

- Section 25 - classify a person as a disqualified owner and to serve notice to that effect.
- Section 26 - hear and reach a decision in respect of an objection lodged as a result of a dog owner being classified a disqualified owner.
- Section 27 - make a submission in respect of an appeal to the District Court.

3. DELEGATION – TERRITORIAL AUTHORITY TO MAINTAIN AND PROVIDE INFORMATION

- Sections 30, 34, 35, 35A, 35AB, 36, 49 and 69 - Maintain and to provide records.

4. DELEGATION - TERRITORIAL AUTHORITY TO CLASSIFY DANGEROUS DOGS

- Section 31 - classify a dog as a dangerous dog and to serve notice to that effect and to hear and reach a decision in respect of an objection lodged as a result of a dog being classified as a dangerous dog.
- Section 32 - such discretions as are required.
- Section 33 - consent to the disposal of a dog classified as a dangerous dog.

5. **DELEGATION - TERRITORIAL AUTHORITY TO CLASSIFY MENACING DOGS**
 - Sections 33A and 33C - classify a dog as a menacing dog and to serve notice to that effect.
 - Sections 33B and 33D - hear and reach a decision in respect of an objection lodged as a result of a dog being classified as a menacing dog.
 - Section 33 - consent to the disposal of a dog classified as a dangerous dog.
 - Section 33E - such discretions as are required.

6. **DELEGATION – REGISTRATION OF DOGS**
 - Section 39 - remit, reduce or refund fees.
 - Section 40 - require information.
 - Section 42 - such discretions as are required.
 - Section 46 - issue registration discs.

7. **DELEGATION - BARKING DOGS**
 - Section 55 - hear and reach a determination in respect of any objection lodged.
 - Section 70 - make a decision on and return a dog.
 - Section 70 - make a submission in respect of an appeal to the District Court.

8. **DELEGATION - INFRINGEMENT NOTICES**
 - Section 66 - issue infringement notices in respect of infringement offences and fees detailed in the Dog Control Policy.

9. **DELEGATION – IMPOUNDING & SUBSEQUENT DISPOSAL OF A DOG**
 - Section 69 - impound, give notice of that impounding and dispose dogs.

10. **DELEGATION - RETENTION OF DOG THREATENING PUBLIC SAFETY**
 - Section 71 - determine whether a dog which has been retained should be released.
 - Section 71 - make a submission in respect of an appeal to the District Court.

11. **DELEGATION - WAIVING INFRINGEMENT NOTICE FINES**

The power to hear and reach a determination in respect of any objection lodged to the payment of an infringement fine under the Dog Control Act 1996.

12. **DELEGATION - PROSECUTIONS**

The authority to swear informations and any other documents required for the prosecution of any person in respect of an offence or offences against the Dog Control Act 1996.