

## **DOG WARDEN SERVICE - BEST VALUE REVIEW**

### **1.0 The Service**

The aim of Dog Warden Service is to tackle problems arising from dogs within the Borough. As well as promoting responsible dog ownership the Dog Warden deals with stray dogs, dog fouling problems, dangerous dogs and various licensing issues.

### **2.0 Key Issues**

The review identified the following key needs:-

- Better control to prevent excessive dog fouling.
- Better dog waste bins.
- Better information on a range of dog related issues.

### **3.0 Key Improvements**

- The Council has adopted the Dogs (Fouling of Land Act) 1996 to control excessive dog fouling.
  - Working with Parish Councils and other Community representatives to address local dog fouling problems.
  - The role of the Dog Warden has been broadened to include dealing with complaints about noise from dogs, animals kept in unhealthy conditions and conditions in Pet Shops and boarding kennels.
  - An improved design of dog waste bin is being piloted in Stoke Park.
  - Information leaflets have been improved.
  - Close monitoring of performance and publication of performance data on the Council website.
  - Undertaking a continuing survey of service users.

### **4.0 Future Improvements**

To achieve further community participation in reducing the impact of dogs on the environment and by so doing to reduce costs to the Council Tax Payer.