



DIRECTOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

13 March 2007

DSDS5	COMPANION ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE	{ Folio No. * }
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SUMMARY:

Reporting that Council has received a number of Expressions of Interest from persons that would like to join Council's Committee to review the Companion Animal Management Plan.

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DESCRIPTION:

At its meeting of the 16th January 2007, Council resolved to advertise for expressions of interest to serve on the Companion Animal Advisory Panel to review its 1999 Companion Animal Management Plan.

The Committee was to consist of the following members:

- Two (2) Councillors
- Five (5) Community Members
- Director Sustainable Development Services or his nominee.

Expressions of Interest were advertised and closed on Friday 16th February 2007.

Only three (3) submissions were received from Community Members which are summarised as follows: [\(Appendix U – Page G115\)](#) Kempsey Rural Lands Protection Board have confirmed that they will provide an officer to provide specific information relevant to the Boards activities and links with the community.

Nominee

Community Involvement Relevant Experience

Marguerite Gray	President of Local RSPCA branch Kempsey. Active RSPCA member since 1990.
Carol Hunter	RSPCA Local branch member for eight (8) years.
Vanessa Standing	Life member of RSPCA, Veterinarian with a special interest in animal welfare issues.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

In making a commitment to the Companion Animal Management Plan Council would be taking a more active role in promoting and overcoming current environmental issues associated with Companion Animals within the Shire.

- *Social*

In making a commitment to the Companion Animal Management Plan Council will be promoting a Community that has input in the development of a Plan that serves the whole of the community.

- *Economic (Financial)*

Council will need to appropriately resource the Companion Management Plan that will include, but not be limited to providing Public Education and promoting the CAAP.

In the long term, Council could expect cost saving in the areas of Animal Management, for instance issues concerning noise, impoundment, Council registration microchip systems, and pollution will all be addressed by the CAAP with the view of improving the current procedures.

- *Directors Comments*

The appointment of the Committee and review of the Policy is in response to recommendations 22 and 23 of the Department of Local Government Review Report. Council has also provided a time frame to complete the recommendations by 30th June 2007.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council appoint the three (3) applicants to the Companion Animal Advisory Committee and nominate two (2) Councillors to serve on the Committee.

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