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## Dog Control Hearings Panel

### OPEN MINUTES

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**Minutes of a meeting of the Dog Control Hearings Panel held via an Audio Visual Link on Friday 8 May 2020 at 10.06am.**

#### **PRESENT**

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| Chairperson      | Cr Ewan Wilson   |
| Members          | Cr Margaret Forsyth<br>Cr Maxine van Oosten  |
| In Attendance    | Julie Sanderson – Group Business Manager<br>Susan Stanford - Animal Education and Control Manager<br>Peter Crocker – Animal Control Team Leader<br>Trudi Swanson – Animal Education and Control Officer<br>James Clarke – Director of the Mayor’s Office |
| Governance Staff | Rebecca Watson – Governance Advisor  |

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- 1. Apologies**  
**Resolved:** (Cr Wilson/Cr van Oosten)  
There were no apologies.
- 2. Confirmation of Agenda**  
**Resolved:** (Cr Wilson/Cr van Oosten)  
That the agenda is confirmed.
- 3. Declarations of Interest**  
No members of the Committee declared a Conflict of Interest.
- 4. Objection to disqualification from dog ownership - Kaz Thompson**

The Animal Education and Control Manager spoke to the report, providing Committee Members with a history of the animal and interactions with the owner. Staff responded to questions from Committee Members concerning education for owners, severity of injuries sustained, steps taken to date to make contact with the owner to notify them of the hearing taking place.

**Staff Action:** *Staff undertook to provide a pamphlet providing animal education at the first contact or infringement and include this on file.*

**Resolved:** (Cr Wilson/Cr van Oosten)

That the Dog Control Hearings Panel continues with the hearing concerning the disqualification from dog ownership of Kaz Thompson.

**Cr Forsyth dissenting**

**Resolved:** (Cr Wilson/Cr van Oosten)

That the Dog Control Hearings Panel:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) determines that the disqualification from dog ownership of Kaz Thompson is upheld.

## **5. Objection to dangerous classification - Yalda Ahmadi**

The Animal Education and Control Manager spoke to the report, and provided an overview of the history of the animal and the interactions with the owner. Staff responded to questions from Committee Members concerning the steps which had been taken to date to make contact with the owner to notify them of the hearing taking place.

**Resolved:** (Cr Wilson/Cr van Oosten)

That the Dog Control Hearings Panel does not hear the objection to the classification of “Baby” as a dangerous dog at this date, and sets a further hearing at a later time and date, to be determined and set once confirmed contact has been made with the owner.

**The meeting was declared closed at 11.38pm.**