**Coordination of Delivery of the Action Plan for the Review of the Implementation of the Welfare of Animals Act (NI) 2011**

30 June 2017

This document lists the actions from the Review Action Plan (Version 1: 2 November 2016) with complete and on-going actions removed, the remaining outstanding actions grouped by timescale, and with lead and contributor responsibility indicated as appropriate.

**Short Term – by 30 April 2017**

| **No** | **Recommendation** | **Body** | **Actions Required** | **Time** | **Lead** | **Contributor** |
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| **3** | DOJ to write to the Lord Chief Justice to share the detail of the proposed increase to the maximum penalties as this may impact on existing sentencing guidelines. Consideration should also be given to giving DAERA and local Councils an opportunity to provide the Judicial Studies Board with background about their enforcement roles. | DAERACouncils | Consider opportunity to provide JSB with information on enforcement roles.  | In progress | Jim McKelvey | Clement KennedyPaddy McGuckian |
| **55** | The conditions required for obtaining a dog breeding licence should be made available on Council websites and the single animal welfare web presence. | Councils | Include information on websites. | In progress - To be completed August 2017 | Brenda KellyBryan Edgar | None |
| **66** | DAERA to highlight the consequences of an unidentified horse being taken into possession on welfare grounds in its planned Communications Strategy in relation to the Horse Passport Regulations. | DAERA | Farm Policy Branch highlight relevant issues in Communications Strategy. | In progress – work on horse passport regs has been delayed | Brenda Cunning | None |

**Medium Term – by 30 April 2018**

| **No** | **Recommendation** | **Body** | **Actions Required** | **Time** | **Lead** | **Contributor** |
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| **15** | Councils provide guidance to AWOs in relation to offending by children and young people. | Councils | Provide training for AWO’s. | M | Sally Courtney | Council AW Project Board members |
| **26** | The three enforcement bodies develop templates for Disposal, Deprivation and Disqualification Orders for use by prosecutors. | DAERA Councils PSNI | The three enforcement bodies consider content and range of templates. | M | Sinead Sargent | Siobhan KyleEmma MeredithPPS, NICTS |
| The three enforcement bodies agree version of templates and share with NICTS. | M | Sinead Sargent | Siobhan KyleEmma MeredithPPS, NICTS |
| **33** | Councils meet with their counterparts in the Republic of Ireland on an annual basis or more frequently if required, to discuss issues of joint interest. | Councils | Arrange meeting with counterparts in ROI. | M | Clement Kennedy | Council AW Project Board members |
| **34** | Councils work with cat welfare organisations to produce guidance for use by AWOs in determining when cats are of a feral kind. | Councils | Arrange meeting with cat welfare organisations to discuss and produce guidance. | M | Vivienne Donnelly | Council AW Project Board members |
| **36** | DAERA provide a series of ‘quick guides’ to explain the legal responsibilities of animal owners and the enforcement arrangements. | DAERA | Publish quick-guides to cover a range of species. | M | Brenda Kelly | Paddy McGuckianCouncil AW Project Board members |
| **40** | DAERA provide an annual report setting out information relevant to the public in relation to the animal welfare service provided by each of the three enforcement bodies. | DAERA | Publish an annual report. | M | Brenda Kelly | None |
| **46** | Guidelines should be revised to require Council Enforcement Officers to verify implementation of socialisation, enhancement and enrichment programmes during inspections and this requirement to be written into the Regulations at the earliest possible opportunity. | DAERACouncils | Revise Dog Breeding Establishment Licence Conditions and Guidance for Council Enforcement Officersin conjunction with Council Enforcement Officers. | M | Jim McKelvey | EHNI |
| **47** | Councils should draw up a protocol for risk based unannounced inspections to ensure consistency across all local Council areas. | Councils | Develop protocol. | M | Bryan Edgar | EHNI |
| **49** | The Guidance for Council Enforcement Officers issued by the DAERA to Councils should be reviewed, in conjunction with Councils, by DAERA and strengthened. This strengthened guidanceshould be made available to Dog Breeders and members of the public via the single animal web presence. | DAERA Councils | Revise Dog Breeding Establishment Licence Conditions and Guidance for Council Enforcement Officersin conjunction with Council Enforcement Officers. | M | Bryan Edgar | EHNI |
| DAERA | Make guidance available on web presence and share with breeders. | M | Brenda Kelly | None |
| **51** | Councils finalise training requirements, following the outcome of this Review, so that any relevant areas can be addressed as part of an accredited course. | Councils | Liaise with training provider (SERC). | M | Clement Kennedy | Council AW Project Board members  |
| **56** | DAERA in conjunction with DE to consider including buying and caring for a pup in any animal welfare educational awareness programmes in schools arising from the implementation of Recommendation 43; and include relevant links/guidance on the new animal welfare web presence. | DAERA DE | Arrange meeting (see recommendation 43). | M | Brenda Kelly | DE |
| **58** | DAERA and Councils should raise awareness of the legislation available, and the relevant enforcement bodies, that the public have recourse to, by the inclusion of relevant links/guidance on the new animal welfare web presence. | DAERA Councils | Ensure inclusion of relevant links about recourse when buying a pet are published on web presence. | M | Jim McKelvey | Council AW Project Board members |
| **61** | The Equine Coordination Working Group to develop a multi agency communication strategy to address issues raised by stakeholders including awareness and education in relation to responsible breeding and ownership, and end of life.  | DAERA | DAERA Equine Strategy Project develop Communications Strategy. | M | Sandrine Gunst |  |

**Long Term – as soon as possible (but recognised that implementation may not be complete by 30 April 2018).**

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| **30** | DAERA consider licensing of animal sanctuaries, re-homing charities and dog pounds. | DAERA | Review policy on licensing sanctuaries etc alongside review of legislation of petshop etc Licensing.  | L | Jim McKelvey | AILWBVSCouncils |
| **46** | Guidelines should be revised to require Council Enforcement Officers to verify implementation of socialisation, enhancement and enrichment programmes during inspections and this requirement to be written into the Regulations at the earliest possible opportunity. | DAERA | Make amendments to Schedule 4 Conditions 5 & 6 of Dog Breeding Regulations. | L | Jim McKelvey | AILWBVSCouncils |
| **48** | DAERA and Councils to carry out a review of licence fees for dog breeding establishments. This should be on the basis of full cost recovery of costs to the Councils and should take into account the need, on occasions, for multiple inspections of dog breeding establishments. To ensure consistency of approach, this review of the licence fee should be carried out in tandem to a forthcoming review of the legislation for Petshops, Animal Boarding and Riding Establishments and Zoos which will also cover inspection activities and fees.  | DAERACouncils | Carry out licence fee review alongside Review of Petshops, Riding Establishments etc Regulations. | L | Jim McKelvey | AILWBVSCouncils |
| **50** | DAERA reviews guidance for work areas such as New Owners Guide for animal boarding establishments to ensure a consistent approach is adopted. | DAERA | Review legislative requirements and guidance for animal boarding/dog breeding establishments etc, in tandem with the making of new Petshop, Boarding Establishments etc Regulations. | L | Jim McKelvey | AILWBVSCouncils |
| **53** | DAERA to amend legislation to allow the details contained within Council held registers of Licensed Dog Breeding Establishments to be made available to the public and on the single animal welfare web presence. | DAERA | Make a Statutory Rule to amend legislation on licensing of dog breeding establishments. | L | Jim McKelvey | AILWBVSCouncils |
| **59** | DAERA includes the issue of the selling pets from all premises as part of its consultation when reviewing and revising the legislation relating to petshops, riding and animal boarding establishments. | DAERA | Include issue in consultation. | L | Jim McKelvey | AILWBVSCouncils |
| **60** | The legislative requirement for the registration of premises where equines are kept to be reviewed based on the Review feedback, and when further information is available on what, if any, requirements may be included in the new EU AHRs. | DAERA | Animal Disease Control and Trade Branch review legislative requirement for registration of premises based on feedback. | L | Jim Blee | None |
| **64** | DAERA seek to amend the 2011 Act to add a clause to enable an accelerated process for the re-homing or disposal of abandoned, unidentified equines. | DAERA | Introduce Primary legislation to the Assembly to amend the 2011 Act. | L | Jim McKelvey | None |
| **68** | DoF to review the Animals Order 1976 to reflect the current legislative requirements regarding the electronic traceability of animals and passporting and the limited availability of outlets to sell or auction animals that have been taken into possession, including consideration of additional disposal options that are now available and retention periods. | DoF | Review the Animals Order 1976 and introduce Primary legislation to the Assembly if required. | L | DoF - Laura McPolin | Jim McKelvey |