**DOG FOULING**

Under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, it is illegal not to clean up after your dog in areas to which the public have access. Offenders could be issued with a fixed penalty notice of £80. Designated Council Officers and Police Community Support Officers can issue fixed penalty notices on the spot. However, fixed penalty notices can also be issued if the Council receive a witness statement from anyone who sees the offence being committed. The failure to pay a fixed penalty notice without reasonable excuse may lead to prosecution and, if convicted, a possible fine of up to £1000.

Dog waste should be disposed of in the appropriate manner, either by using the Council’s dog or litter bins or by taking it home and disposing of it in your black refuse bin.

If you are experiencing problems with dog fouling in your area, please report the matter to the Council by calling 0345 678 9006.

If it is a persistent problem, please provide as much information as possible, such as at what time the incidents are occurring, a description of the dog walker and dog, and where the fouling has occurred. The Council’s dog warden or patrols can then be targeted more efficiently.