

**CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER TOWN & PARISH COUNCILLORS**  
*(via the Clerk)*

Cheshire West and Chester have recently started a 6 week public consultation on proposals relating to changes to the Dog Warden Service across the Borough. The consultation is open until **11 August 2019**.

I am aware that many of you are interested in dog related issues and that you may wish to response to the consultation.

The Council is proposing to make the following changes:

- To change the days and times that the dog warden is on duty, including extending the service to include Saturdays and Sundays, and change the times so that they better reflect demand.
- To introduce free training courses on responsible dog ownership, legal requirements, dog welfare and basic dog training
- In order to ensure a fairer and more consistent approach to charging, and to keep other charges (e.g. kennel charges) as low as possible, it is proposed to introduce a charge to the owner of £40, if the dog warden is called out to deal with a stray dog, even if it is possible to reunite the dog with its owner without taking the dog to kennels. In these circumstances, it is also proposed to offer a part-refund (for example, of 50%) if the owner attends one of the training courses offered.

Further information and the online survey can be found on our website - [http://inside.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/get\\_involved/consultations/dog\\_warden\\_and\\_kennelling\\_service\\_consultation](http://inside.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/get_involved/consultations/dog_warden_and_kennelling_service_consultation)

I am happy for you to circulate this information as widely as you wish.

If I can be of assistance in any way please do not hesitate to ask.

Regards,

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