



States Greffe

Connétable Mike Jackson
Chairman, Comité des Connetables

BY EMAIL

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Dear Chairman,

Dogs (Jersey) Law Follow-Up and Animal Welfare & Control Review

Further to the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel's previous engagement on the amendments to the *Dogs (Jersey) Law 1961*, the Panel wishes to seek clarification on the progress made in relation to the following matters previously committed to by the Comité des Connétables:

- The development of a consultation-led review of livestock worrying provisions within the *Dogs (Jersey) Law 1961* and *Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 2004*,
- Consideration of whether the current route for public recourse under Regulation 11 of the *Dogs (Jersey) Law 1961* via the Magistrate's Court, provides sufficient accessibility for the public in dealing with issues of dog control that do not meet the threshold of "dangerously out of control", and
- Efforts to secure a formal Memorandum of Understanding with a UK police force for specialist dog seizure capability and the provision of contracted kennelling facilities appropriate for holding seized dogs.

I also write to inform you that the Panel is continuing its *Animal Welfare & Control Review*, and the Terms of Reference are appended for your information. As part of this work, the Panel has agreed to schedule a public hearing with the States of Jersey Police and the Comité des Chefs de Police. The hearing will explore how the current statutory framework relating to dog ownership, behaviour, and control is applied and enforced in practice.

The Panel welcomes your cooperation and engagement as this work progresses.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Hilary Jeune
Chair, Environment, Housing, and Infrastructure Panel

Terms of Reference

1. To examine whether the *Draft Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 202-* is fit for purpose and how it will meet its intended aims of:
 - a. replacing the *Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 2004* to shift from a reactive enforcement model towards a proactive, prevention-based system,
 - b. aligning with modern scientific understanding of animal sentience and current UK and EU welfare standards, and
 - c. granting the Minister with greater flexibility to respond quickly to new scientific developments or welfare guidance.
2. To identify any effects, resource implications and/or unintended consequences of the *Draft Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 202-* on enforcement officers, animal welfare organisations, animal-activity operators, pet-owners and the wider public.
3. To assess the structure of the *Draft Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 202-*, including the provision for order-making powers and the role of secondary legislation.
4. To examine the coherence, clarity and effectiveness of the existing statutory framework governing dog ownership, behaviour and control.
5. To evaluate the coherence and compatibility of the *Draft Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 202-*, the *Dogs (Jersey) Law 1961* and *Policing of Beaches, Parks and Roads Regulations* as a combined framework, including:
 - a. gaps, overlaps or inconsistencies between the regimes,
 - b. alignment of enforcement powers across relevant bodies,
 - c. the effectiveness of the combined model for welfare, ownership and public protection, and
 - d. whether consolidation is desirable.