

OFFICERS REPORT**Dedicated Fenced Dog Off leash Reserves**

Submitting Councillor: Stuart James & Rebecca Paterson

MOTION

That Council;

- 1. Directs officers to identify possible locations (at least one per ward if possible) for dedicated fenced dog off leash areas strategically positioned across the municipality*
- 2. Receives a report/update by November 2021 on possible locations, associated costs, implications and any implementation recommendations to allow consideration as part of Council's 2022/23 Budget process*

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budgetary implications associated with officers undertaking a desk top analysis to identify any suitable possible locations in the first instance.

IMPACT ON INTERNAL RESOURCES

Officers from different departments comprising Community Amenity, City Design, Active Monash and Horticultural Services will need to be involved.

The initial investigation to identify any suitable locations as a desktop exercise can be undertaken within existing resources.

COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICIES

In response to community interest identified through the *2021 And Beyond Survey (2017)*, Council's *Domestic Animal Management Plan 2017-2021(DAMP)* included an action to "investigate the feasibility of a dedicated fenced off leash reserve".

RELEVANCE TO WORK ALREADY UNDERTAKEN BY OFFICERS OR COMMITTEES

Some investigation work has been undertaken by officers in response to the DAMP action above and this can be fed into the investigation required by this NOM.

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The time frame allowed is relatively short, and nothing more than a desktop analysis to identify possible suitable locations will be possible. If Council resolves to proceed with one or more locations, there will be further work including community consultation, further investigation, design and the like. Further, more detailed works as identified will require suitable budget that can be detailed once a report is presented to Council.