

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEM NO: NOM 01
FILE NO: 191715.2016
SUBJECT: Renbury Farm - No Kill Policy

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That Council is to operate Renbury Farm with a no kill policy.

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Ristevski Seconded: Clr Mamone**

That Council is to operate Renbury Farm with a no kill policy and otherwise notes the comments of the CEO (shown below).

Amendment: **Moved: Clr Hadchiti Seconded: Clr Hadid**

That this item be deferred until after the new Council is elected in September 2016 given that there are budget implications.

On being put to the meeting the Amendment (moved by Clr Hadchiti) was declared LOST.

The motion (moved by Clr Ristevski) was then voted on and on being put to the meeting was declared CARRIED.

Chief Executive Officer Comment

Council resolved in response to a Notice of Motion by Councillor Sabrina Mamone at the Council meeting of 26 August 2015 as follows:

That Council:

1. *Review the current 'Animal Management' document to introduce and consider a 'Low Kill' Policy.*
2. *Include details, of healthy pets from Animal Shelters in Liverpool that are ready to be adopted, in the Council Monthly newsletter.*
3. *Report back to Council at the next Council meeting on how a 'Low Kill Policy' affects the running of the animal shelters.*

A report recommending Council approve the revised Animal Management Policy was presented to the Council meeting of 16 December 2015. Council resolved to approve the revised policy. The issue of euthanasia was discussed in the report and it was noted that all feral cats that are seized are euthanised as they cannot be rehomed. It was recommended

that an educational program be conducted to encourage desexing of cats and reduce the feeding of stray cats in an effort to reduce the number of feral and stray cats.

The recent pound tender included a low euthanasia policy requiring that the pound not euthanise impounded animals unless the animal has been assessed unsuitable to be homed because it is aggressive, diseased, feral or there are no other options available. Note that Council is currently negotiating with the Pound operator on possible short term lease arrangements noting the pending closure of the current facility. Any future lease would be operated on a Low Kill basis. Council is also liaising with WSROC Councils on long term regional pound options.

It should also be noted that Council has commissioned the RSPCA to undertake a recent inspection of the Renbury facility. The inspection has not identified any evidence of animal cruelty or mistreatment.