

**Committee: Planning, Highways & Transport**

**Date: 1 March 2022**

**Title: Dog fouling in Ilminster**

**Purpose of Report**

For members to receive information regarding a recent resident's complaint regarding dog fouling in Ilminster.

**Recommendation:**

Members to note the report.

**Background:**

1. A resident sent in an email about the level of dog fouling in Ilminster (**Appendix 7a**) and asked for the council to consider a range of schemes and suggestions to combat the problem.
2. The Town Council have a large number of dog bins located across the recreation areas which they are responsible for.
3. South Somerset District Council (SSDC) are responsible enforcement across the area within the town centre.

**Report:**

4. The officers passed the resident's email to SSDC Enforcement Officers for their comment.
5. SSDC replied directly to the resident and included the Town Council on their reply (**Appendix 7b**).
6. SSDC take dog fouling very seriously and will patrol, clear and sign the area over the coming weeks and also assess the need for more dog bins.
7. They will also use Social Media to make people aware of the issue, and they may do a leaflet drop in certain areas if the dog walkers can be identified.
8. Members are to note the report.

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Deputy Town Clerk  
March 2022**