PE2087/H: Pass a law making exercising a dog in a cemetery an offence

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Existing policies on the presence and behaviour of dogs in cemeteries.

• At this time there is no policy in place specifically for the behaviour of dogs within our cemeteries. if we (Greenspace) feel there is an issue within a cemetery, we would contact our dog warden from EH to make aware of ongoing issues. Unfortunately, staff within our cemetery team do not hold powers to issue fines etc.

The number of complaints received regarding the behaviour of dogs in cemeteries

• 1 received via MSP Beattie

The number of fines issued for dog fouling in cemeteries

• A search of our records indicates there have been zero fines issued in cemeteries in the last 5 years

whether local cemeteries have any signage regarding the presence and behaviour of dogs.

• We are currently at this time preparing signage for to be put in place at all our cemeteries regarding dogs (fouling) vehicles access etc.