The effectiveness of the Act in reducing the number of out of control dogs/ dog attacks in Scotland;

- How well you think local authorities are carrying out their duties under the Act;

Each location appears to be carrying out the stated requirements of the Act as closely as possible.

Wardens are dependent on reports and interactions from the public and local police forces; the directions from the dedicated officers and legal support from the council enables the process of issuing DCNs and what support is subsequently available when maintaining a follow up procedure with the various dog owners.

This has been occasionally impeded by having to go through the respective legal representatives to enforce the conditions of the DCN.

- What challenges you feel local authorities face in carrying out their duties under the Act;

Dealing with dog owners who refuse to recognise the authority of the Dog Wardens; adverse reactions from the public and local council members about the lack of feedback regarding enforcement in the public arena.

- If there are any weaknesses in the Act or any specific changes you would like to see;

N/A

- Any other issues relating to the Act you wish to bring to the attention of the Committee.

N/A