

## Background

This policy provides direction in regard to the processing of applications for the temporary keeping of dogs in numbers greater than the maximum number prescribed per premises *under Local Law No. 2 (Keeping and Control of Animals)*.

The Council acknowledges that there are circumstances under which it may be necessary for the keeping of dogs in numbers greater than the maximum number prescribed per premises under *Local Law No. 2*.

This Policy may be reviewed at any time as directed by the Council.

This Policy does not relate to the keeping of Working Dogs as prescribed under *Local Law No. 2*.

## Definitions

The following definitions apply in this policy:-

"Permitted Premises" – any premises where approval has been granted for the keeping of dogs in numbers greater than the maximum number prescribed per premises under *Local Law No. 2 (Keeping and Control of Animals)*.

"Authorised Person" – A person appointed as such under *Local Law No. 2 (Keeping and Control of Animals)*.

## Policy

1. Authorised Persons may consider and, subject to final approval of the Chief Executive Officer, grant approval to temporarily keep dogs in numbers greater than the maximum number prescribed per premises under *Local Law No. 2 (Keeping and Control of Animals)*.
2. All applications for an extra dog or dogs to be kept on a premises shall be in writing stating reasons why the Council should grant temporary approval for the keeping of such extra dog/s; and
3. Approval shall be for a maximum period of two (2) years and may be revoked at any time if the dogs kept on the Permitted Premises cause a nuisance; and
4. Approval will be granted to those person who had more than the maximum number of dogs registered at their premises in the 2002/2003 year (Dog Registration Year 1/10/2002 to 30/9/2003) and have made application to re-register those same dogs prior to 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2003; and
5. In the event that any of the dogs registered at a Permitted Premises become deceased or are relocated on a permanent basis to another premises, such additional dog or dogs shall not be replaced at the Permitted Premises; and
6. Future applications to keep more than the maximum number of dogs on any premises will not be approved unless exceptional circumstances are demonstrated in the written application. An application refused by an Authorised Person may be reconsidered under appeal by the Applicant to the Council.