

Annex

Scottish Government briefing note

23 October 2023 – meeting of the DEFRA/Devolved Administrations Programme Board

Item 3 – Dangerous Dogs (15 min) (Defra request)

Purpose: To discuss individual government's approach to the banning of XL bully dogs.

This item follows the IMG in September where this issue was discussed. Since then, the UKG has confirmed that it will be progressing a ban. Defra wants to understand what others are doing.

Invite Defra to lead the discussion.

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SG Objective:

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Points to make

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Background

- On 15 September the PM announced that he had ordered Defra to undertake urgent work to define and ban American Bully XL dogs in England and Wales. This followed a number of recent high profile incidents and tragedies involving suspected American Bully XL dogs that have taken place in England and Wales
- The 'banned breeds' legislation was introduced through the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 ("the 1991 Act"). This is UK-wide legislation. However dangerous dogs policy was devolved through the Scotland Act 1998. Therefore any proposed changes to the 1991 Act would fall to the SG, with any legislation brought forward a matter for the Scottish Parliament
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14 November 2023

Letter from Siobhan Brown MSP, Minister for Victims and Community Safety, to The Rt Hon Lord Benyon, UK Government Minister for Biosecurity, Marine and Rural Affairs.

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