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## **Draft Animal Management Plan 2019-2024 Released for Consultation**

Council has released a Draft Animal Management Plan 2019–2024 for community consultation.

“It is a requirement of the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 for Councils to develop management plans relating to dogs and cats in their area,” said Mayor Redman. “These plans must cover a 5 year period and with Council’s existing Animal Management Plan expiring at the end of 2019, Council has reviewed the Plan and now provide a Draft for public consultation.”

The Animal Management Plan predominately focuses on dogs and cats however it also includes other animals that are having a significant community or environmental impact. The Plan is structured into the following four key areas of:

1. Dog Management
2. Cat Management
3. Other Animal Management
4. Plan Implementation

The Plan contains a total of 10 objectives under each of the four key result areas relating to that area of animal management. To ensure the objectives are reached, 34 specific strategies are identified under each objective that provide more targeted outcomes. The Plan contains Key Performance Indicators (KPI) developed to monitor Council’s progress in achieving the animal management objectives identified in the Plan.

“Council is keen to hear from our community about the Plan and invite you to provide your feedback,” said Mayor Redman. “There are a couple of ways you can provide your thoughts. You can complete an online survey or provide a written submission to Council.”

To view the Draft Animal Management Plan 2019-2024 and complete the online survey please visit Council’s online community engagement portal “Your Voice Gawler” at [www.gawler.sa.gov.au/your-voice](http://www.gawler.sa.gov.au/your-voice).

Alternatively, hard copies of the survey are available at the Gawler Administration Centre, 43 High Street, Gawler East, which can be returned to the front counter or via post to: Town of Gawler, PO Box 130, Gawler SA 5118

Written submissions should be marked Draft Animal Management Plan and be addressed to: Chief Executive Officer, Town of Gawler, PO Box 130, Gawler SA 5118

**Survey responses and/or written submissions must be received by 5pm on Friday 1 November 2019.**

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