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## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE REVIEW OF DOG BREEDING ESTABLISHMENT GUIDELINES**

The Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government, Mr Simon Coveney, T.D. has announced a public consultation on a draft review document of the current Dog Breeding Establishment Guidelines.

In late 2015, the then Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government agreed to begin a process of review of the current Dog Breeding Establishment (DBE) Guidelines, under the auspices of the County and City Managers Association Dogs Working Group. The work undertaken to date has been to produce a first draft revision.

It is now considered essential to broaden the review of the Guidelines to a more formal public consultation, both for quality assurance and to address the need for openness, and inclusiveness. Minister Coveney has therefore decided to proceed to a wide-scale formal public consultative process commencing 1 December 2016 and closing on 28 February 2017.

Minister Coveney is inviting interested parties to make written submissions or comments, preferably in electronic format, on the draft revised DBE Guidelines by **5.30pm, on Tuesday 28 February, 2017** to:

- email: **dbeguidelinesreview@housing.gov.ie** or
- by post to the **Dog Control Unit, Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government, Government Buildings, Ballina, Co. Mayo. F26 E8N6.**

Submissions should be as succinct as possible and should include the section(s) number(s) to which reference is made.

A copy of the current DBE Guidelines, together with the revised draft guidelines (colour coded with proposed changes for ease of reference), may be accessed at <http://www.housing.gov.ie/review-dog-breeding-establishments>.