

Notice of Motion
Flintshire County Council - 28 February 2019

(i) Councillor David Healey

Flintshire County Council urges Welsh Government to seize the opportunity provided by the devolution of new powers to undertake a radical reform of the Council Tax system so that a more fair and progressive system can be used for the raising of revenue for local government in Wales.

(ii) Councillor Bernie Attridge

This Council supports the Lucy's Law National Campaign to ban the selling of puppies by third parties, and the Council is requested to add its name to the growing list of supporting organisations and will proactively highlight the campaign to our residents across the County.

Removing puppies for sale from their mum often creates sick, traumatised, dysfunctional dogs. Puppies should be seen with their mum in the place they were born. Transporting them to a different place for sale harms their welfare.

Breeding dogs kept in puppy farms are hidden from public view and often suffer from years of physical and psychological trauma. Regulating commercial third-party puppy selling is ineffective in preventing harm to breeding dogs and a third-party ban on puppy selling is therefore necessary for the welfare of breeding dogs.

Puppy farming impacts on the residents of Flintshire with the cost and emotional distress of buying a puppy that may turn out to need expensive vet treatment or which may unfortunately not survive at all.

A ban on the third-party sale of puppies will have a positive impact on breeding dogs, ensuring their visibility and enabling the public to act on best practice advice to view the puppy with the mum where the puppy was born.

Furthermore the Leader will write in support of the campaign to both the First Minister and Prime Minister highlighting Flintshire's support for the introduction of this law in both Wales and England.