

REPORT FOR DECISION

MEETING: LICENSING AND SAFETY PANEL

DATE: 5th DECEMBER 2013

SUBJECT: CONDITIONS IN RESPECT OF ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS (CATS)

REPORT FROM: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (LOCALITIES)

CONTACT OFFICER: M BRIDGE

TYPE OF DECISION: COUNCIL

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/STATUS: This paper is within the public domain

SUMMARY: Through the Council Constitution the determination of conditions to be attached to licences is reserved to the Licensing and Safety Panel. This report requests Panel approval of new conditions in respect of Animal Boarding (cats) licences. The conditions have been drafted by the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health and a number of partner organisations including the British Veterinary Association

OPTIONS & RECOMMENDED OPTION: The recommendation is for Members to approve the conditions in the format requested as shown in Schedules A-F inclusive within the attached document. With the conditions being applied by officers in an appropriate and proportionate manner in consideration of individual premises. Alternatively, Members may amend or reject all or any of the proposed conditions.

IMPLICATIONS:

Corporate Aims/Policy Framework:

Do the proposals accord with the Policy Framework? Yes ☒ No ☐

Financial Implications and Risk Considerations:

There are no specific risks arising from the report other than the potential costs/ risks associated with legal challenges.

Statement by Director of Finance and E-Government:

The proposed changes are not anticipated to result in any significant change to resource requirements.

Equality/Diversity implications:

None. Agreed conditions will be applied to all appropriate licence holders equally.

Considered by Monitoring Officer:

Yes ☒ No ☐

Are there any legal implications?

Yes. licences are regarded as possessions under the Human Rights Act 1998. Any conditions adopted and applied must be reasonable and proportionate.

Staffing/ICT/Property:

N/A

Wards Affected:

All equally

Scrutiny Interest:

Internal

TRACKING/PROCESS

DIRECTOR:

Chief Executive/ Management Board	Executive Member/Chair	Ward Members	Partners
Scrutiny Commission	Executive	Committee	Council

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Local Councils may grant licences to the proprietors of Animal Boarding Establishments under the provisions of the Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963.

- 1.2 Before granting a licence the Council must be satisfied that the cats are kept in accommodation that is suitable; that they are supplied with food & drink and that they are adequately protected from disease and fire. In granting a licence the Council may attach conditions.

2.0 Issues

- 2.1 The Chartered Institute of Environmental Health has published the model licence conditions on behalf of a national working group. The working group was made up of representatives of various professional and trade organisations whose logos appear on the front cover of the attached document. The Model Conditions set out in this document are the working group's recommendations for the basic minimum standards considered necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of cats in Animal Boarding Establishments. If accepted Council Officers will consider the advice contained in this document before applying and enforcing licence conditions in an appropriate and proportional manner.
- 2.2 Key objectives in developing these model licensing conditions have been to encourage improved conditions in animal boarding establishment (cats) licensing and a consistency of approach across local authorities which minimise the risk of transmission of disease from animals to humans, alongside the need to protect animals from cruelty and ill-treatment and to encourage good standards in animal boarding establishments.
- 2.3 The Council has existing conditions relating to animal boarding establishments. Approval of these new proposed conditions will replace the existing conditions giving more specific control in respect of animal boarding establishment licensing with no detriment to existing controls.

3.0 CONCLUSION

- 3.1 Members are asked to approve the conditions as attached at Appendix A.

List of Background Papers:-

Model Conditions and Guidance for Cat Boarding Establishments 2013

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Appendix A

[model conditions for catteries 2013.pdf](#)