

LICENSING COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 15 JUNE 2009

PRESENT:- Councillors Eric Shaw (Chair), Andrew Bennett (Vice-Chair), Andy Albinson, Rex Barnett, Michael Bray, Michael Dickinson, Maurice Fanning, Fay Howard, Kevin Parry, Steve Wakefield, David Wood and Robert Wright.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Doreen Dart and Vera Tomlinson.

9. Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded Members of the need to declare any known interests in any matters to be considered at the meeting. No declarations were made.

10. Public Question Time

The Chair reminded Members of the need to declare any known interests in any matters to be considered at the meeting. No declarations were made.

11. Re-designation of Some Town Centre streets for Street Trading Purposes

Consideration of this item was deferred pending a Member Briefing Meeting from InSwindon and the New Swindon Company on issues raised by Members.

12. Proposals for Reserved Use of Some Town Centre Consent Streets for Street Trading Purposes

Consideration of this item was deferred pending a Member Briefing Meeting from InSwindon and the New Swindon Company on issues raised by Members.

13. Proposed Designated Public Place (alcohol restriction) Scheme to Cover Public Land at Faringdon Road Park

The Committee considered (a) a report of the Council's Head of Licensing setting out comments received regarding the proposed Designated Public Place Order covering land at Faringdon Road and the surrounding area, as set out in the map appended to the report, and (b) a letter from the Landlady of the Bakers Arms, Emlyn Square regarding the potential effects of any Designated Public Place Order.

Resolved – (1) That Council be recommended to approve the creation of a Designated Public Place Order covering land at Faringdon Road and the surrounding area, as shown in Appendix 2 to the report.

(2) That, subject to the concurrence of the Council to (1) above, the Designated Public Place Order commence on 1st August 2009.

14. Special Conditions to Sell Dogs from a Pet Shop

The Council's Head of Licensing submitted a report concerning proposed conditions for inclusion in any authorisation to sell dogs under a pet shop licence.

Resolved – That, the conditions appended to these minutes, as amended by Members, be approved as default conditions for all sales of dogs under a pet shop licence authorised by this Authority.

1. No dog shall be kept or sold as part of the business unless it has been obtained directly from the dog breeder. It is not permissible to obtain a dog through any other dealer or via any other intermediary who has acquired the dog or has the dog in their care.
2. The source breeder shall be the owner and keeper of the female parent of the litter.
3. No dog shall be sourced from a breeder unless that breeder is either a). licensed or b) is exempt from the requirement to be licensed but who nevertheless adheres to the Pet Care Trust's Charter for Breeding Dogs.
4. No dog shall be sourced from a breeder whose dogs are kept at a location more than 45 miles distant from the premises specified in the pet shop licence
5. Before any dog is sold, the purchaser shall be given the contact details for the dog breeder, including contact name, address of the establishment, telephone contact number and where there is one, an e-mail address.
6. No contract with a dog breeder for the supply of dogs shall be entered into, unless a condition is placed on the breeder that they shall offer a reasonable level of information, guidance and assistance to the end purchaser of any dog bred by them, for a period of six months following acquisition by the final purchaser.
7. The dealer shall not sell any dog unless the contract with the breeder includes a requirement that a DNA profile for both of the parents is provided with any puppy supplied . When selling to the final owner, the holder of the pet shop licence shall provide copies of those profiles to the purchaser.
8. No dog shall be sold unless test results are supplied either for the dog or for both of its parents, demonstrating that it is free from the genetic defects commonly associated with the breed in question.
9. No puppy shall pass into the keeping of the dealer (holder of the pet shop licence) unless it has remained with the dam and at the place of birth for a minimum period of eight weeks.
10. No dog shall be sold unless it has been permanently identified by the insertion of a micro-chip or by some other means.
11. No dog shall be received or kept by the dealer unless the dog has started a course of standard vaccinations. The original documentation issued in connection with those vaccinations shall be passed to the final purchaser. No such documentation shall be considered valid unless it bears the stamp or details of the veterinary practice which

administered the vaccination(s), together with the signature of the veterinary surgeon who performed the procedure(s).

12. Each dog kept or supplied shall be given a unique identifying number by the dealer and that shall be recorded in a log book. All such log books kept in the course of the business shall be made available on request at any reasonable time to an authorised enforcement officer.
13. While in the keeping of the dealer, each dog shall wear a collar with an attached identifying tag or badge which indicates the breeding establishment from which the dog was obtained and the unique log number for that dog.
14. Where a pedigree dog is sold, it shall be accompanied by the pedigree certificate for that dog. The pedigree certificate shall have been signed by the breeder. The dealer is not authorised to purport independently that the dog is of pedigree stock.
15. When a dog is sold, the purchaser shall be provided with detailed, written good husbandry advice for the breed in question or be directed to specific sources of expert information on the breed, particularly with regard to diet, training, grooming and exercise.
16. No dog shall pass into the keeping of the dealer unless it is accompanied by a health care report prepared by a veterinary surgeon, for that dog. The original of the health care certificate shall be given to the final purchaser.