

Proposed conditions for Dog Day Care

Licensing Committee

Date: 17th March 2015

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Wards: All
Locality Affected: All
Parishes Affected: All

1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1 To review the licence conditions for dog day care, “crèches”, under the Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963

2. Recommendations

That Committee:

- 2.1 Agree for consultation to be carried out on the proposed revised conditions for Dog Day Care, (/ Crèche), establishments within the Borough taking into account submissions from boarding establishments, other relevant organisations such as veterinary practices and members of the public The proposed conditions are attached as Appendix 1.
- 2.2 Agree for the results of the consultation exercise to be brought back to Committee for consideration with a view to formal adoption of conditions

3. Detail

- 3.1 Local authorities in England, Scotland and Wales issue licences to proprietors of Kennels, Catteries and Home Boarders under the Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963.
- 3.2 Any person who runs a business of providing accommodation for other people’s animals requires a licence under the Act. Under this legislation “animal” refers to dogs and cats
- 3.3 The Council currently uses Model Conditions for dog boarding establishments based on the Local Government Association guidance produced. These are for kennels and home boarding establishments.
- 3.4 A consultation on the Model Licence Conditions for Home Boarding of dogs under the same legislation has been carried out and the responses were reviewed and agreed by Committee on 8th January 2015. The agreed revised conditions are attached as Appendix 2.
- 3.5 Model Licence Conditions for kennels under the Boarding Establishments Act 1963 are currently in preparation with a national working party. It is therefore recommended that these are reviewed when this is completed so they can be considered.

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- 3.6 It has been recognised that Dog Day Care or 'Creches' require a licence under the Boarding Establishments Act 1963, however, the model conditions currently in use for home boarding may not be appropriate for such a facility and its individual requirements
- 3.7 The enclosed Model Conditions, (Appendix 1), have therefore been drafted to consider purpose built and run day care establishments

4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 The Licensing Committee could choose not to adopt the proposed conditions for dog day care establishments. However should this be the case there would be no specific conditions to apply to such premises.

5. Implications, Diversity Impact Assessment and Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the report. Any future consultation will be undertaken within approved budgets.

Legal and Human Rights Implications

- 5.2 Legal and Human Rights considerations have been taken fully into account in compiling this report. It is considered that the recommendations of this report are compatible with Convention Rights as they fully in accord with the requirements of relevant legislation. The Council is required to comply with the statutory provisions referred to in the report, which the adoption of this policy \ regime will ensure it does. All other legal and human rights implications have been considered in the preparation of this report.

All Other Implications (including Staff, Sustainability, Health, Rural, Crime and Disorder)

Diversity Impact Assessment

- 3.8 A DIA has not been undertaken at this stage but will be completed following any consultation exercise.

4. Consultees

- 4.1 The Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) is consulted in respect of all reports.

5. Background Papers

- 5.1 Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963
- 5.2 Animal Welfare Act 2006

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6. Appendices

- 6.1 Appendix 1 Proposed model conditions for Dog Day care premises
- 6.2 Appendix 2 Revised Model conditions for home boarding establishments