

REPORT TO:	ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 6
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REPORT FROM:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE	OPEN/EXEMPT PARAGRAPH NO:
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SUBJECT:	INTRODUCTION OF ANIMAL WELFARE LICENSING POLICY	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE:

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 That Members note the consultation responses received in relation to the Animal Welfare Licensing Policy at Appendix 1.
- 1.2 That Members approve the introduction of the Animal Welfare Licensing Policy at Appendix 2 of this report to come into effect on approval by Full Council.

2. Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To provide Members with the outcome of a consultation with interested parties.
- 2.2 To provide Members with the necessary information to be able to consider the recommendations contained in paragraph 1 of this report.

3. Detail

- 3.1 The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) Regulations 2018 ("the 2018 Regulations") came into effect in October 2018 covering the following licensable activities:
 - providing or arranging the boarding of dogs and/or cats;
 - dog breeding;
 - hiring out horses;
 - selling animals as pets;
 - keeping or training animals for exhibition.
- 3.2 The 2018 Regulations have been fully implemented within the Licensing Department. To assist licence holders, applicants and the Licensing Authority with the application process, an Animal Welfare Licensing Policy has been drafted to provide guidance and to promote and protect animal welfare standards.

Consultation

- 3.3 Officers conducted a 12-week consultation exercise on the draft Policy with all persons who have been granted a permit previously, relevant organisations and members of the public via the Council's website.
- 3.7 6 responses were received during the consultation period. A summary of the points raised in relation to other responses received can be found at **Appendix 1**. The amended draft Policy is attached as **Appendix 2**.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications to the Council.
- 4.2 Recommendation 1.2 will have no financial implications on existing licence holders.

5. Corporate Implications

Employment Implications

- 5.1 None

Legal Implications

- 5.2 None

Corporate Plan Implications

- 5.3 These proposals will continue to demonstrate to members of the public that the Council takes the protection of local residents, children, and vulnerable adults from the potential harms of animal welfare seriously, which contributes to the value of taking pride in our place and striving for excellence in all we do.

Risk Impact

- 5.4 None

6. Community Impact

Consultation

- 6.1 Consultation has taken place with all relevant bodies.

Equality and Diversity Impact

- 6.2 None

Social Value Impact

- 6.3 The proposals will protect all residents in South Derbyshire from the potential harms of poor animal welfare standards.

Environmental Sustainability

6.4 None

7. **Background Papers**

Animal Welfare Act 2006

Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) Regulations 2018

DEFRA Procedural Guidance to Licensing Authorities