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SUBJECT:	ADOPTION OF MODEL CONDITIONS UNDER THE PET ANIMALS ACT 1951	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: EDS 14

1. Recommendations

1.1 That the conditions and supporting guidance relating to pet shop licences contained in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report are approved.

2. Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To advise Members of the outcome of a consultation in relation to the conditions and supporting evidence for pet shop licences.
- 2.2 To provide Members with the necessary information to be able to give full consideration to the recommendation contained in paragraph 1.1 of this report.

3. Detail

3.1 The licensing of pet shops is a regulated activity by virtue of the Pet Animals Act 1951 (the 'Act'). The Council is responsible for issuing licences to any person keeping a pet shop and ensuring compliance with the Act.

3.2 The Act permits the Council to adopt conditions it deems necessary, or expedient in the particular case, as specified in section (3)(a) to (e) of the Act, namely:

- (a) that animals will at all times be kept in accommodation suitable as respects size, temperature, lighting, ventilation and cleanliness;
- (b) that animals will be adequately supplied with suitable food, drink and (so far as necessary) visited at suitable intervals;

- (c) that animals, being mammals, will not be sold at too early an age;
- (d) that all reasonable precautions will be taken to prevent the spread among animals of infectious diseases;
- (e) that appropriate steps will be taken in the case of fire or other emergency.

3.3 The Council currently licenses a total of 7 pet shops.

Proposed Conditions

- 3.4 The proposed conditions are the model conditions produced by the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH) and are the basic minimum standards considered necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of animals in pet shops.
- 3.5 The Guidance has been produced to provide more information for licence holders to ensure compliance with the model conditions. The Guidance is intended to be read in conjunction with the model conditions.

Consultation

- 3.6 Officers conducted a consultation exercise on these proposals with existing licence holders and on the Council's website for a period of 8 weeks. No responses were received in relation to the consultation.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications to the Council.
- 4.2 Recommendation 1.1 will have no financial implications on existing licence holders.

6. Corporate Implications

- 6.1 These proposals will provide a clear framework for anyone wishing to start their own business which will contribute directly to the corporate vision to make South Derbyshire a better place to live, work, and visit, and to the theme of sustainable growth and opportunity.
- 6.2 These proposals will also demonstrate to members of the public that South Derbyshire District Council takes the safety and welfare of animals seriously, which contributes to the theme of safety and security.