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<b>REPORT TO:</b>	ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICE COMMITTEE	<b>AGENDA ITEM: 8</b>
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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	ADOPTION OF MODEL CONDITIONS FOR DOG BREEDING ESTABLISHMENTS	<b>REF:</b>
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	ALL	<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE: EDS 14</b>

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## **1. Recommendations**

- 1.1 That the conditions and supporting guidance relating to dog breeding establishments 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 guidance for dog breeding establishments.
- 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 dog breeding establishments is a regulated activity by virtue of the Dog Breeding Act 1973 and 1999 (the 'Act'). The Council is responsible for issuing licences to any person that falls under the definition of a dog breeding establishment 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 (4)(a) to (i) of the Act, namely:

- (a) That the dogs will at all times be kept in accommodation suitable as respects construction, size of quarters, number of occupants, exercising facilities, temperature, lighting, ventilation and cleanliness;

- (b) That the dogs will be adequately supplied with suitable food, drink and bedding material, adequately exercised and visited at suitable intervals;
- (c) That all reasonable precautions will be taken to prevent and control the spread among dogs of infectious or contagious diseases;
- (d) That appropriate steps will be taken for the protection of dogs in case of fire or other emergency;
- (e) That all appropriate steps will be taken to secure that the dogs will be provided with suitable food, drink and bedding material and adequately exercised when being transported to or from the breeding establishment;
- (f) That bitches are not mated if they are less than one year old;
- (g) That bitches do not give birth to more than six litters of puppies each;
- (h) That bitches do not give birth to puppies before the end of the period of twelve months beginning with the day on which they last gave birth to puppies; and
- (i) That accurate records in a form prescribed by regulations are kept at the premises and made available for inspection there by any officer of the local authority, or any veterinary surgeon or veterinary practitioner, authorised by the local authority to inspect the premises.

3.3 The Council currently licenses a total of 8 dog breeding establishment with 3 pending applications.

### **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 animal health and welfare are maintained in breeding establishments.

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.