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SUBJECT:	ADOPTION OF DOG DAY CARE BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT CONDITIONS	REF:
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## **1. Recommendations**

- 1.1 That Members approve the conditions contained in Appendix 1 of this report relating to dog day care boarding establishments to come into effect upon adoption by 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 give full consideration to the recommendation contained in paragraph 1.1 of this report.

## **3. Detail**

- 3.1 The boarding of dogs during the day without overnight boarding is a regulated activity by virtue of the Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963 (the 'Act'). The Council is responsible for issuing licences to the proprietors of businesses falling within the definition of an animal boarding 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 (3)(a) to (e) of the Act, namely:
- (a) that animals 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 animals will be adequately supplied with suitable food, drink and bedding material, adequately exercised, and (so far as necessary) visited at suitable intervals;

- (c) that all reasonable precautions will be taken to prevent and control the spread among animals of infectious or contagious diseases, including the provision of adequate isolation facilities;
- (d) that appropriate steps will be taken for the protection of the animals in case of fire or other emergency;
- (e) that a register be kept containing a description of any animals received into the establishment, date of arrival and departure, and the name and address of the owner, such register to be available for inspection at all times by an officer of the local authority, veterinary surgeon or veterinary practitioner authorised under section 2(1) of this Act.

3.3 The Council has not previously licensed dog day care boarding establishments however there are several dog day care establishments operating within the District. The premises offer day supervision of a specified number of dogs from different households and the dogs interact in a communal area. No overnight accommodation is offered.

3.4 The existing establishments have applied for an animal boarding establishment licence. Whilst the existing conditions for kennels and home boarders ensure satisfactory animal health and welfare at a premises, they do not fully take into account the specific needs and ways of operating day boarding of dogs. It is therefore proposed to introduce a new set of conditions for dog day care boarding establishments.

### **Proposed Conditions**

3.5 There are no model conditions for dog day care conditions. The proposed conditions are an amalgamation of the existing kennel conditions and home boarding conditions. The conditions are the basic minimum standards considered necessary to ensure animal health and welfare is maintained in boarding establishments.

### **Consultation**

3.6 Officers conducted a consultation exercise on these proposals with all existing licence holders and members of the public via the Council's website.

3.7 Three responses were received during the consultation period. A summary of the points raised in the responses can be found at **Appendix 1**. The amended draft conditions are attached as **Appendix 2**.

## **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.