
REPORT TO:	ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICE COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 7
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REPORT FROM:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE	OPEN
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SUBJECT:	ADOPTION OF CONDITIONS FOR CAT BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS UNDER THE ANIMAL BOARDING ACT 1963	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: EDS

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 That Members approve the conditions contained in Appendix 1 of this report relating to cat 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 cats 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 currently licences a total of 18 establishments for the boarding of cats in catteries. All cattery licences are controlled by conditions based on the 1995 Chartered Institute of Environmental Health's (CIEH) set of model conditions for catteries.

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 boarding establishments.
- 3.6 The conditions also include guidance to assist existing licence holders and applicants in complying with the conditions. A copy of the draft conditions and guidance can be found at **Appendix 1**.

Consultation

- 3.5 Officers conducted a consultation exercise on these proposals with all existing licence holders and members of the public via the Council's website.
- 3.6 During the consultation period, the CIEH produced an update to the model conditions following an amendment to ensure clarity and consistency of approach between existing and new build establishments in regard to sneeze barriers. The draft conditions and have been updated to include these amendments.
- 3.7 Three responses were received during the consultation period. A summary of the points raised in the responses can be found at **Appendix 2**. No changes have been made to the draft conditions as a result of the responses received.

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.