

COMMITTEE:
Licensing Committee
29 November 2017

REPORT OF:
Principal Licensing Officer

LEGISLATION:
Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963

Agenda – Part1	Item
<p>SUBJECT: Adoption of Revised conditions for Animal Boarding Licences</p> <p>WARD: ALL</p>	

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1.1 The Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963 refers to “the carrying on by persons at premises of any nature (including a private dwelling) of a business of providing accommodation for other people’s animals”. 'Animal' means any dog or cat.

1.2 Currently, the conditions applied to animal boarding establishments are the same for both commercial premises (i.e. kennels) and home boarding establishments (i.e. where the dogs being boarded live in the home as family pets). The current conditions can be seen at Appendix A.

1.3 It is recognised that the premises type have substantial differences and therefore would benefit from specific conditions.

2. HOME BOARDING

2.1 LACORS (the Local Authorities Coordinators of Regulatory Services) provides model licence conditions that Authorities can choose to use if they wish.

2.2 The LACORS model conditions are currently used as a reference document by the Environmental Health Officers during the inspection of residential properties and distributed to applicants at the same time to ensure that they are aware of the best practice suggested in the model conditions. The Council cannot currently include these conditions with the licence without adoption by this Committee.

3. CONSULTATION

3.1 The LACORS model conditions have been circulated to holders of Animal Boarding Establishment Licences identified as home boarders asking whether they foresee any issues with the proposal to adopt the conditions for inclusion with their future licences. The original LACORS conditions are attached to the report as Appendix B.

3.2 The consultation resulted in three licensee’s highlighting concerns over some of the LACORS model conditions.

3.3 The suggested revised wording has been discussed with Environmental Health Officers and forwarded to the consultees who consider the revisions appropriate in resolving their concerns.

3.4 The suggested conditions are attached to this report as Appendix C with amendments highlighted for Members assistance.

4. RECOMMENDATION

4.1 The Committee are asked to consider the content of the report and agree to the adoption of the LACORS suggested conditions for home boarding of animals for all future applications.

Background Papers:
None other than any identified within the report.

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