

Decision Maker: **General Purposes and Licensing Committee Executive**

Date: **27 September 2010**
29 September 2010

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: **REVISED STANDARD CONDITIONS FOR ANIMAL WELFARE LICENCES**

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Ward: All

Reason for Report

1. To seek approval of revised standard conditions for animal welfare licences with effect from 1 January 2011
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Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to approve the standard conditions / guidance for use in relation to

Appendix 1. Riding Establishments

Appendix 2. Pet Shops

Appendix 3. Dangerous Wild Animals

Appendix 4. Animal Boarding Establishment (Home Boarding)

Appendix 5. Animal Boarding Establishment (Cats)

Appendix 6. Animal Boarding Establishment (Dogs)

Appendix 7 Breeding Establishments

And refer the matter to the Executive and Full Council for approval and adoption with effect from 1 January 2011.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing policy. Existing Licensing conditions established under various statutes
 2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council.
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No cost
 2. Ongoing costs: Non-recurring cost.
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Public Protection
 4. Total current budget for this head: £4.5m
 5. Source of funding: Existing Revenue Budget 2010 / 11
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 66 (Licensing Service 8)
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory requirement. Animal Health and Welfare Acts see descriptions below
 2. Call-in: Call-in is not applicable.
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): Businesses - 78 currently licenced under various animal health and welfare provisions and an unknown number of customers who use these businesses
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? N/A.
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

Commentary

- 1.0 The work plan for the Licensing Team approved by this Committee on 27 May 2010 included a review of the standard conditions for animal welfare licences.
- 1.1 The review has been undertaken in partnership with the Animal Health Inspectors of the City of London Veterinary Service who provide us with expert advice and undertake some work on our behalf. The proposed conditions reflect current good practice and standards.

A brief description of the activity under each act is as follows.

- **Riding Establishment Acts 1964 & 1970**

A licence is required where horse riding or instruction is provided for payment. Horses must be inspected by an approved Veterinary Surgeon. 8 premises are licensed in Bromley

- **Pet Animals Act 1951**

Pet Shops selling animals require a licence. 17 premises are licensed in Bromley

- **Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976**

Keeping certain listed dangerous animals require a licence. None currently licensed in Bromley

- **Animal Boarding Establishment Act 1963**

Boarding Kennels for cats and dogs must be licensed by the local council. 20 premises are licensed in Bromley.

- **Dog Breeding (Breeding & Sales of Dogs Acts 1973, 1991 and (Welfare) 1999**

Anyone who breeds from a bitch / bitches and has 5 or more litters in a year requires a licence. None currently licensed in Bromley

Information

- 2.0 The seven new sets of conditions are contained in the following appendices.

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Legal Implications

3.0 The Council is the Licensing Authority under the various Acts and has the power to set standard conditions which are applied to each licence type.

Non-Applicable Sections:	PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS POLICY IMPLICATIONS FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	