

Report to the Licensing Committee

Date of meeting: 26 April 2017

Portfolio: Safer Greener Transport

Subject: The Licensing of Various Animal Establishments

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Recommendation:

That the Council adopts the attached CIEH Model Licensing Conditions for the following:

- (i) Dog Boarding Establishments;**
- (ii) Cat Boarding Establishments;**
- (iii) Dog Breeding Establishments;**
- (iv) Pet Vending Establishments.**

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1. In recent years, there has been much discussion in enforcement circles concerning establishments licensed to sell, board and breed animals by local authorities with different councils having different standards.

2. The Chartered Institute of Environmental Health undertook to produce guidance in this area and over the last number of years has done so.

3. In general, terms the model conditions deal with the structural requirement of the premises the welfare of the animals and the control of the spread of disease.

4. The published conditions cover places where dog and cats are boarded (kennels and catteries), places where dogs are bred (including so-called puppy farms) and places where animals are sold (commonly pet shops).

5. Officers are of the opinion that a consistent approach to the licensing of these premises is essential and therefore recommend that these model conditions be adopted.

Background Papers: Model conditions published by the CIEH