

Briefing Note – Model Licence Conditions for Animal Boarding (Catteries) and Pet Vending

1. Purpose of Briefing Note

- 1.1 The purpose of this briefing note is to advise members on changes to national guidance on conditions for Animal Boarding Establishments and Pet Shops and invites Members to consider that the new conditions are implemented for premises licensed with this Authority.

2. Introduction

- 2.1 The Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963 and Pet Animals Act 1951 require any premises from which any relevant business operates to be licensed by the local authority.
- 2.2 The Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH) has worked to produce a new set of model conditions and guidance for Animal Boarding (Catteries) and Pet Vending, although new conditions for Dog Boarding and Dog Breeding are still being considered.
- 2.3 The new model conditions were published in 2013 and bring the previous model conditions up to date. The aim is to safeguard animal welfare and to improve management of licensed premises. It is also intended to encourage consistency of approach across Local Authorities.
- 2.4 Public Protection are considering implementing the new model conditions for all new applicants from April 2005 and will be ready for the licence renewals that will become due at the end of 2015.

3. Ongoing Education and Enforcement

- 3.1 Requirements detailed within the Act sets the council with ongoing enforcement responsibilities to ensure those issued with licences comply as an ongoing obligation. In addition to the requirements, the council will also provide education and advice to licence holders which ensures they continue to be meeting their duty under the Act by improving information & lyncs on our website and staff training.
- 3.2 In granting a licence under the Acts, the council may attach relevant conditions to ensure the aims of the legislation are upheld. It has the power to inspect the licensed premises at all reasonable times: and may refuse a licence if the standards at the premises are unsatisfactory or if the terms of the licence are not being complied with.

4. Summary

- 4.1 The Licensing Committee are requested to note this update.

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