

Report to:	PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Sharon Davies, Head of Licensing Service
Date of Meeting	6 September 2016

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT LICENCE CONDITIONS

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider the standard conditions attached to Animal Boarding Establishment Licences.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To approve the amended standard conditions for Dog Boarding Establishments at Appendix 3(b).

2.2 To approve the amended standard conditions for Cat Boarding Establishments at Appendix 3(c).

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 Licence conditions require updating to take into account the developments in the understanding of animal welfare and the introduction of the Animal Welfare Act 2006.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

The Sub-Committee could leave the existing conditions unaltered but this would mean that the conditions do not reflect best practice.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is "The Economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool"

5.0 Background Information

5.1 Animal boarding establishments are licensed under the Animal Boarding Establishment Act 1963. Anyone wishing to keep a boarding establishment must be licensed by the Council and abide by the conditions of the licence.

5.2 Currently Blackpool Council has three sets of conditions for boarding establishments – dog boarding, dog/cat boarding and domestic boarding. These conditions can be found in Appendix 3(a).

5.3 In May 2016 the Chartered Institute for Environmental Health (CIEH) published Model Licence Conditions and Guidance for Dog Boarding Establishments 2016. In June 2016 the CIEH published a revised version of its Model Conditions and Guidance for Cat Boarding Establishments 2013. All licensed establishments have been provided with copies of these documents.

5.4 Officers have prepared proposed sets of licence conditions for both dog and cat boarding establishments which mirror the new Chartered Institute for Environmental Health (CIEH) model conditions. These conditions can be found at Appendix 2.

5.5 If approved the proposed conditions will be endorsed on any new licence granted and on existing licences when they are renewed at the end of the year.

5.6 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.7 List of Appendices:

Appendix 3 (a) – existing licence conditions

Appendix 3 (b) – proposed dog boarding conditions

Appendix 3 (c) – proposed cat boarding conditions

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 None

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 None

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 None

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 CIEH model licence conditions and guidance for dog boarding establishments - http://www.cieh.org/CIEH-Model_Licence-Conditions-Guidance-Dog-Breeding-Establishments.html

CIEH model licence conditions and guidance for cat boarding establishments - <http://www.cieh.org/policy/model-licence-conditions-and-guidance-for-cat-boarding-establishments.html>