



East Northamptonshire Council

Policy and Resources Committee - 13 July 2009

Animal Boarding Licence alteration.

Summary

This report recommends a minor alteration to the Animal Boarding Establishment licence conditions and a policy for dealing with such alterations for the future.

Attachment(s)

None

1.0 Introduction

1.1 The Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963 gives power to local authorities to adopt conditions that will be applied to premises before they can obtain a licence under the Act. This report considers a minor alteration to the existing conditions for East Northamptonshire Council's dog boarding establishments and a policy for making minor amendments to licence conditions in the future.

2.0 Suggested Change to conditions

2.1 The Council adopted the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health model conditions for dog boarding establishments, which were originally published in 1995. Recently we have been made aware that the vaccination of dogs for kennel cough which is required in the model conditions is no longer good practice. The recommendation is to remove this requirement from the conditions applied by the Council.

2.2 It is likely that in the future there will be other minor alterations required to both the dog and cat boarding licence conditions. To avoid having to bring each change to the Committee, it is proposed that in future such minor changes be approved by the Head of Environmental Services in consultation with the Lead Member for Environmental Services and only brought to Committee at their discretion.

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 It is recommended –

- (1). That the requirement for boarding dogs to have a kennel cough vaccination be removed as a condition of the Dog Boarding licence
- (2). That minor amendments to the Cat Boarding and Dog Boarding licensing conditions be approved by the Head of Environmental Services in consultation with the Lead Member for Environmental Services, subject to a central record of these amendments being maintained.

Implications:

Corporate Outcomes or Other Policy/Priority/Strategy

Good Quality of Life	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good Reputation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Good Value for Money	<input type="checkbox"/>	High Quality Service Delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective Partnership Working	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strong Community Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective Management	<input type="checkbox"/>	Knowledge of our Customers and Communities	<input type="checkbox"/>

Employees and Members with the Right Knowledge, Skills and Behaviours		<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:		<input type="checkbox"/>
Decision(s) would be outside the budget or policy framework and require full Council approval		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Financial	There are no financial implications at this stage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	There will be financial implications – see paragraph	<input type="checkbox"/>
	There is provision within existing budget	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Decisions may give rise to additional expenditure at a later date	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Decisions may have potential for income generation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Risk Management	An assessment has been carried out and there are no material risks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Material risks exist and these are recorded at Risk Register Reference - inherent risk score - residual risk score -	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff	There are no additional staffing implications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Additional staff will be required – see paragraph	<input type="checkbox"/>
Equalities and Human Rights	There will be no impact on equality (race, age, gender, disability, religion/belief, sexual orientation) or human rights implications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	There will be an impact on equality (see categories above) or human rights implications – see paragraph	<input type="checkbox"/>
Legal	Power: Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963	
	Other considerations:	
Background Papers: None		
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