

Committee: Licensing Committee

Date: 12 October 2016

Wards: All

Subject: Chartered Institute of Environmental Health new model conditions and guidance for Pet Vending, Dog Breeding Establishments, Dog Boarding Establishments and Cat Boarding Establishments.

Lead officer: Chris Lee, Director of Environment and Regeneration.

Lead member: Councillor Nick Draper, Cabinet Member for Community and Culture.

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Recommendations:

1. That the Committee approves the adoption of the following model standard conditions and guidance for:
 - Pet vending;
 - Dog breeding establishments;
 - Dog boarding establishments; and
 - Cat boarding establishments.

as published by the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH).

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 To provide members of the licensing committee with information relating to new conditions and revised guidance published by the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health in connection with animal welfare where there is a requirement for a licence.

3. DETAILS.

3.1 Model Conditions for Pet Vending Licensing 2013

The Pet Animals Act 1951 requires that any premises selling certain animals as pets must be licensed by the local authority in which it is situated.

The London of Merton as Licensing Authority currently has five pet shops licensed in accordance with the Act.

A review of the model standard conditions published by the Charter Institute of Environmental Health has recently been undertaken to reflect latest best practice. The Licensing Authority proposes to use these new model standard conditions for all pet shop licenses issued to premises within the borough.

The City of London, Animal Health and Welfare Service provides expert animal health inspectors and veterinary surgeons to undertake inspections on behalf of the London Borough of Merton. They have requested that we adopt the latest of the model standard conditions.

A copy of the CIEH Model Conditions for Pet Vending Licensing 2013 is attached at **Appendix A**.

3.2 **Model Licence Conditions and Guidance for Dog Breeding Establishments**

The Breeding of Dogs Act 1973 and 1991 as well as the Breeding and Sale of Dogs (Welfare) Act 1999 requires any premises used as a dog breeding establishment to be licensed by the local authority where it is situated.

The London Borough of Merton as Licensing Authority does not currently have any licensed dog breeding establishments.

Following a recent review, the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health has published new model standard conditions and guidance for dog breeding establishments to reflect latest best practice. The Licensing Authority proposes to use these new model standard conditions and guidance for all licensed dog breeding establishments, should an application be received.

The City of London, Animal Health and Welfare Service provides expert animal health inspectors and veterinary surgeons to undertake inspections on behalf of the London Borough of Merton. They have requested that we adopt the latest of the model standard conditions and guidance.

A copy of the CIEH Model Licence Conditions and Guidance for Dog Breeding Establishments is attached at **Appendix B**.

3.3 **Model Licence Conditions and Guidance for Dog Boarding Establishments 2016**

The Animal Boarding Act 1963 requires any premises used as a facility for the boarding of dogs or cats to be licensed by the local authority where it is situated.

The London Borough of Merton as Licensing Authority currently has one licensed dog boarding establishment within the borough.

Following a recent review, the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health has published new model standard conditions and guidance for cat boarding establishments to reflect latest best practice. The Licensing Authority proposes to use these new model standard conditions and guidance for all licensed cat boarding establishments.

The City of London, Animal Health and Welfare Service provides expert animal health inspectors and veterinary surgeons to undertake inspections on behalf of the London Borough of Merton. They have requested that we adopt the latest of the model standard conditions and guidance.

A copy of the CIEH Model Licence Conditions and Guidance for Dog Boarding Establishments 2016 is attached at **Appendix C**.

3.4 **Model Licence Conditions and Guidance for Cat Boarding Establishments 2013.**

The Animal Boarding Act 1963 requires any premises used as a facility for the boarding of cats or dogs to be licensed by the local authority where it is situated.

The London Borough of Merton as Licensing Authority currently has one licensed cattery within the borough.

Following a recent review, the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health has published new model standard conditions and guidance for cat boarding establishments to reflect latest best practice. The Licensing Authority proposes to use these new model standard conditions and guidance for all licensed cat boarding establishments.

The City of London, Animal Health and Welfare Service provides expert animal health inspectors and veterinary surgeons to undertake inspections on behalf of the London Borough of Merton. They have requested that we adopt the latest of the model standard conditions and guidance.

A copy of the CIEH Model Licence Conditions and Guidance for Cat Boarding Establishments 2013 is attached at **Appendix D**.

4. Alternative options.

4.1 None for the purpose of this report.

5. Consultation undertaken or proposed.

5.1 None for the purpose of this report.

6. Timetable.

6.1 None for the purpose of this report.

7. Financial, resource and property implications.

7.1 None for the purposes of this report.

8. Legal and statutory implications.

8.1 None for the purposes of this report.

9. Human rights, equalities and community cohesion implications.

9.1 These are statutory functions and are applied globally.

10. Crime and Disorder Implications.

10.1 None for the purpose of this report.

11. Risk management and health and safety implications.

11.1 All risk and health and safety implications have been considered when compiling this report. None are apparent.

12. Appendices – the following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report.

12.1 **Appendix A** – CIEH Model Conditions for Pet Vending Licensing 2013.

- 12.2 **Appendix B** – CIEH Model Licence Conditions and Guidance for Dog Breeding Establishments.
- 12.3 **Appendix C** – CIEH Model Licence Conditions and Guidance for Dog Boarding Establishments 2016.
- 12.4 **Appendix D** – CIEH Model Licence Conditions and Guidance for Cat Boarding Establishments 2013.
- 13. Background Papers – the following documents have been relied on in drawing up this report but do not form part of the report.**
 - 13.1 The Pet Animals Act 1951.
 - 13.2 The Breeding of Dogs Act 1973 and 1991as well as the Breeding and Sale of Dogs (Welfare) Act 1999.
 - 13.3 The Animal Boarding Act 1963.