

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 16th March, 2016

Present: Cllr R W Dalton (Chairman), Cllr Mrs P A Bates (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Mrs J A Anderson, Cllr M C Base, Cllr M A Coffin, Cllr B T M Elks, Cllr Mrs F A Kemp, Cllr S M King, Cllr H S Rogers, Cllr A K Sullivan, Cllr M Taylor and Cllr F G Tombolis

Councillor N J Heslop was also present pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors O C Baldock and R V Roud

PART 1 - PUBLIC

LA 16/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

LA 16/14 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing and Appeals Committee held on 2 December 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

LA 16/15 MINUTES OF PANEL

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meetings of the Licensing and Appeals Committee sitting as a Panel held on 16 December 2015 and 24 February 2016 be received and noted.

MATTERS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL

LA 16/16 PROPOSED LICENCE CONDITIONS FOR THE HOMEBOARDING OF DOGS AND CATS AND DOG DAY CARE ESTABLISHMENTS

Further to Minute LA 15/90, the report of the Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer gave details of proposed licensing conditions in respect of the home boarding of dogs and cats. The Annexes to the report set out proposed standards and controls for the regulation of home boarding of dogs and cats and day care dog boarding establishments carried out within a business premises and, alternatively, the home environment. Consideration was also given to proposed licensing fees and recovery of costs of additional veterinary inspections.

Members requested that the need for maximum permitted numbers of animals be made clear in the publicity for the scheme. They also raised questions about accepting stage payments for fees and exploring tendering for veterinary services.

RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) the licence conditions detailed in Annexes 1, 2 and 3 to the report be adopted subject in each case to the deletion of the word “always” in paragraph 6.8.1 in the section on Supervision;
- (2) the annual fee of £150 be approved to cover the costs associated with the administration and inspection regime; and
- (3) the cost of additional veterinary fees be recovered from the applicant on the basis set out at paragraph 1.3.1 of the report.

***Referred to Council**

MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION

LA 16/17 ONLINE LICENSING FORMS

The Committee received a demonstration of online taxi licensing application forms. These had recently gone live in respect of new applications completed in the Kings Hill reception area and would be extended to other licences in due course. The Licensing and Community Safety Manager also presented examples of bodycam film used in enforcement situations. He undertook to provide Members with a copy of the matrix used in checks at the taxi ranks.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE

LA 16/18 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items considered in private.

The meeting ended at 8.25 pm