

# TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

## LICENSING & APPEALS COMMITTEE

02 October 2018

### Report of the Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer

#### Part 1- Public

#### Delegated

## 1 CHANGES TO ANIMAL LICENSING LEGISLATION - FEES

### 1.1 Executive Overview

- 1.1.1 This is a supplementary report to the Changes to Animal Licensing Legislation report published for the Licensing and Appeals Committee on the 2 October 2018.
- 1.1.2 This new legislation introduce an updated licensing system in England for five activities involving animals: selling animals as pets, providing for or arranging for the provision of boarding for cats or dogs (Home Boarding, Doggie Day Care, Cattery's and Kennels), hiring out horses, dog breeding and keeping or training animals for exhibition. The latter of which was previously administrated by Kent County Council.
- 1.1.3 The proposed fees for The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018 are shown at **Annex 1**

### 1.2 Legal Implications

- 1.2.1 As set out in the main report "Changes to Animal Licensing Legislation"

### 1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 1.3.1 Current annual licensing fees vary depending on the type of licence. In addition applicants are also charged for veterinary inspections. Under the new scheme local authorities may continue to charge reasonable fees associated with the grant, renewal or variation of a licence.

### 1.4 Risk Assessment

- 1.4.1 The recommended fee levels have been calculated in order to ensure that the consideration and related inspection for a licence does not exceed reasonable costs.

## 1.5 Equality Impact Assessment

1.5.1 The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

## 1.6 Recommendations

1.6.1 The Committee is RECOMMENDED to:

- Agree the licence and Inspection fees as set out in **Annex 1**

Background papers:

Statutory instrument (2018 No.486)  
The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving  
Animals) (England) Regulations 2018

Regulation Guidance

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