

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE

**THE ANIMAL WELFARE (LICENSING OF ACTIVITIES INVOLVING ANIMALS)
(ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2018**

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To inform members of the Licensing Committee about the changes to Animal Welfare Licensing.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018 comes into effect on 1 October 2018.
- 2.2 The regulations will replace the current Animal Welfare legislation and will change the way in which premises are licensed. Currently, a premises needs to hold a licence for each activity they conduct, whereas they will have one licence covering all activities in future. The licensable activities are:
- Selling Animals as Pets
 - Providing or Arranging for the Provision of Boarding for Cats or Dogs
 - Hiring Out Horses
 - Breeding Dogs
 - Keeping or Training Animals for Exhibition
- 2.3 The Regulations will provide applicants with the opportunity to have a licence for either one, two or three years. The licence issued will be dependent upon a risk assessment at the premises.
- 2.4 Further guidance is due to be published. Once this guidance has been published we will be able to determine how this change in legislation will impact on the Council and licence holders.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 That the report be noted.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 The changes contained within the legislation will need to be implemented before 1 October 2018.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

5.1 There are no financial, staffing, property or IT implications from this report.

6. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

6.1 Not applicable.

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED

7.1 No consultation has been carried out regarding this report.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 That the report be noted.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:- Consultation File