

TITLE: ZOO LICENSING ACT

Committee: Licensing Committee

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1.0 ISSUE

1.1 For Members of the Licensing Committee to recommend to Full Council that the licensing terms of reference as contained within the Council's Constitution are amended to include the delegation of the Zoo Licensing Act 1981 provisions to the Head of Environmental Services and relevant authorised officers.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1 That Members recommend to Full Council that the terms of reference within the Council's Constitution are amended to include the Zoo Licensing Act 1981 provisions.

2.2 That Members agree for a Draft Zoo Licensing Policy and proposed licence fee to be brought back to a future Licensing Committee.

3.0 BACKGROUND/OPTIONS

3.1 The Government's EU Directive regarding the provision of 'on line' facilities for licensing applications includes a formality for Zoo Licences.

3.2 All local authorities are now required to make on-line application forms and procedures available for both UK and EU applicants to apply for Zoo licences.

3.3 The requirements of the Government's EU directive has highlighted the fact that East Cambridgeshire District Councils constitution requires amending to include the provisions of the Zoo Licensing Act 1981.

3.4 The Council's Constitution is amended annually; usually in the month of May, however, there is the provision to amend the terms of reference in the interim period.

3.5 This requires Members to make a recommendation to Full Council for the amendment to the terms of reference within the Council's constitution.

4.0 ARGUMENTS/CONCLUSIONS

4.1 It is requested that Members make a recommendation to Full Council to include the provisions of the Zoo Licensing Act 1981 into the Terms of Reference of the Council's Constitution, so that the EU Directive work can be completed, and application forms and procedures can be built to handle any such application.

4.2 By adopting the provisions of the Zoo Licensing Act 1981, and delegating to the Head of Environmental Services and relevant officers, it will mean that any relevant inspection and enforcement can be taken in line with any unlicensed or potential Zoo premises application, to ensure the protection of animal welfare.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

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