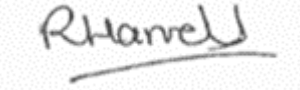


# EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT – ANIMAL LICENSING POLICY

## SECTION ONE: INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSAL

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<b>Lead Officer:</b> Please note that a Head of Service, Service Director, or Strategic Director must approve the EIA.	Ruth Harrell	<b>Signature:</b>		<b>Approval date:</b>	16.08.2024
<b>Overview:</b>	<p>The Council has a legal responsibility for the licensing of a number of activities relating to the welfare of animals under the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018, Zoo Licensing Act 1981 and the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976.</p> <p>To ensure that the licensing regime is clear and consistent, an Animal Licensing Policy has been drafted.</p> <p>The Policy will detail how Plymouth City Council carries out its animal licensing responsibilities in a consistent and fair manner.</p> <p>A consultation process will be undertaken to seek views on the proposed Policy, before it is approved by the Council's Licensing Committee.</p>				
<b>Decision required:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Licensing Committee approves the request for the consultation process to be undertaken</li> <li>2. That the Licensing Committee approves the subsequent Animal Licensing Policy</li> </ol>				

**SECTION TWO: EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT SCREENING TOOL**

<b>Potential external impacts:</b> Does the proposal have the potential to negatively impact service users, communities or residents with protected characteristics?	<b>Yes</b>	X	<b>No</b>	
<b>Potential internal impacts:</b> Does the proposal have the potential to negatively impact Plymouth City Council employees?	<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>	X
Is a full Equality Impact Assessment required? (if you have answered yes to either of the questions above then a full impact assessment is required and you must complete section three)	<b>Yes</b>	X	<b>No</b>	
If you do not agree that a full equality impact assessment is required, please set out your justification for why not.	The Policy has impact on individuals not groupings. The Policy only applies to those individuals who are applying for a licence for a specified animal activity.			

**SECTION THREE: FULL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

<b>Protected characteristics (Equality Act, 2010)</b>	<b>Evidence and information (e.g. data and consultation feedback)</b>	<b>Adverse impact</b>	<b>Mitigation activities</b>	<b>Timescale and responsible department</b>
<b>Age</b>	Plymouth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16.4 per cent of people in Plymouth are children aged under 15.</li> <li>65.1 per cent are adults aged 15 to 64.</li> </ul>	Licence applications will only be granted to those over 18. The policy has an impact on individuals over 18 not groupings and only then if they apply for a licence.	N/A	N/A

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18.5 percent are adults aged 65 and over.</li> <li>• 2.4 percent of the resident population are 85 and over.</li> </ul> <p>South West</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15.9 per cent of people are aged 0 to 14, 61.8 per cent are aged 15 to 64.</li> <li>• 22.3 per cent are aged 65 and over.</li> </ul> <p>England</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 17.4 per cent of people are aged 0 to 14.</li> <li>• 64.2 per cent of people are aged 15 to 64.</li> <li>• 18.4 per cent of people are aged 65 and over.</li> </ul> <p>(2021 Census)</p>	<p>The Council will consider the individual application prior to a licence being granted.</p> <p>Therefore, no adverse impact is anticipated.</p>		
<p><b>Care experienced individuals</b> (Note that as per the Independent Review of Children’s Social Care recommendations, Plymouth City Council is treating care experience as though it is a</p>	<p>It is estimated that 26 per cent of the homeless population in the UK have care experience. In Plymouth there are currently 7 per cent of care leavers open to the service (6 per cent aged 18-20 and 12 per cent of those aged 21+) who are in unsuitable accommodation.</p> <p>The Care Review reported that 41 per cent of 19-21 year old care leavers are not in education, employment or training (NEET) compared to 12 per cent of all other young people in the same age group.</p> <p>In Plymouth there are currently 50 per cent of care leavers aged 18-21 Not in Education</p>	<p>The policy has an impact on individuals not groupings and only then if they apply for a licence.</p> <p>The Council will consider the individual application prior to a licence being granted.</p> <p>Therefore, no adverse impact is anticipated.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>

protected characteristic).	<p>Training or Employment (54 per cent of all those care leavers aged 18-24 who are open to the service).</p> <p>There are currently 195 care leavers aged 18 to 20 (statutory service) and 58 aged 21 to 24 (extended offer). There are more care leavers aged 21 to 24 who could return for support from services if they wished to.</p>			
<b>Disability</b>	<p>9.4 per cent of residents in Plymouth have their activities limited 'a lot' because of a physical or mental health problem.</p> <p>12.2 per cent of residents in Plymouth have their activities limited 'a little' because of a physical or mental health problem (2021 Census)</p>	<p>The policy has an impact on individuals not groupings and only then if they apply for a licence.</p> <p>The Council will consider the individual application prior to a licence being granted.</p> <p>Therefore, no adverse impact is anticipated.</p> <p>Individuals who are blind or visually impaired may not be able to read the Policy.</p>	<p>The Council has an Accessibility Policy to ensure information is available to everyone.</p> <p><a href="#">Accessibility statement   PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK</a></p>	N/A
<b>Gender reassignment</b>	<p>0.5 per cent of residents in Plymouth have a gender identity that is different from their sex registered at birth. 0.1 per cent of residents identify as a trans man, 0.1 per cent identify as non-binary and, 0.1 per cent identify as a trans women (2021 Census).</p>	<p>The policy has an impact on individuals not groupings and only then if they apply for a licence.</p> <p>The Council will consider the individual application prior to a licence being granted.</p> <p>Therefore, no adverse impact is anticipated.</p>	N/A	N/A
<b>Marriage and civil partnership</b>	<p>40.1 per cent of residents have never married and never registered a civil partnership. 10 per cent are divorced, 6 percent are widowed, with 2.5 per cent are separated but still married.</p> <p>0.49 per cent of residents are, or were, married or in a civil partnerships of the same sex. 0.06 per cent of residents are in a</p>	<p>The policy has an impact on individuals not groupings and only then if they apply for a licence.</p> <p>The Council will consider the individual application prior to a licence being granted.</p> <p>Therefore, no adverse impact is anticipated.</p>	N/A	N/A

	civil partnerships with the opposite sex (2021 Census).			
<b>Pregnancy and maternity</b>	The total fertility rate (TFR) for England was 1.62 children per woman in 2021. The total fertility rate (TFR) for Plymouth in 2021 was 1.5.	The policy has an impact on individuals not groupings and only then if they apply for a licence. The Council will consider the individual application prior to a licence being granted. Therefore, no adverse impact is anticipated.	N/A	N/A
<b>Race</b>	In 2021, 94.9 per cent of Plymouth's population identified their ethnicity as White, 2.3 per cent as Asian and 1.1 per cent as Black (2021 Census) People with a mixed ethnic background comprised 1.8 per cent of the population. 1 per cent of the population use a different term to describe their ethnicity (2021 Census) 92.7 per cent of residents speak English as their main language. 2021 Census data shows that after English, Polish, Romanian, Chinese, Portuguese, and Arabic are the most spoken languages in Plymouth (2021 Census).	The policy has an impact on individuals not groupings and only then if they apply for a licence. The Council will consider the individual application prior to a licence being granted. Therefore, no adverse impact is anticipated. Individuals who do not speak English may not understand the Policy.	The Council has an Accessibility Policy to ensure information is available to everyone. <a href="#">Accessibility statement   PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK</a>	N/A
<b>Religion or belief</b>	48.9 per cent of the Plymouth population stated they had no religion. 42.5 per cent of the population identified as Christian (2021 Census). Those who identified as Muslim account for 1.3 per cent of Plymouth's population while Hindu, Buddhist, Jewish or Sikh combined totalled less than 1 per cent (2021 Census).	The policy has an impact on individuals not groupings and only then if they apply for a licence. The Council will consider the individual application prior to a licence being granted. Therefore, no adverse impact is anticipated.	N/A	N/A

<b>Sex</b>	51 per cent of our population are women and 49 per cent are men (2021 Census).	The policy has an impact on individuals not groupings and only then if they apply for a licence. The Council will consider the individual application prior to a licence being granted. Therefore, no adverse impact is anticipated.	N/A	N/A
<b>Sexual orientation</b>	88.95 per cent of residents aged 16 years and over in Plymouth describe their sexual orientation as straight or heterosexual. 2.06 per cent describe their sexuality as bisexual, 1.97 per cent of people describe their sexual orientation as gay or lesbian. 0.42 per cent of residents describe their sexual orientation using a different term (2021 Census).	The policy has an impact on individuals not groupings and only then if they apply for a licence. The Council will consider the individual application prior to a licence being granted. Therefore, no adverse impact is anticipated.	N/A	N/A

#### SECTION FOUR: HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

Human Rights	Implications	Mitigation Actions	Timescale and responsible department
	The policy has an impact on individuals not groupings and only then if they apply for a licence. The Council will consider the individual application prior to a licence being granted. Therefore, no adverse impact is anticipated.	N/A	N/A

**SECTION FIVE: OUR EQUALITY OBJECTIVES**

Equality objectives	Implications	Mitigation Actions	Timescale and responsible department
<b>Celebrate diversity and ensure that Plymouth is a welcoming city.</b>	<p>The policy has an impact on individuals not groupings and only then if they apply for a licence.</p> <p>The Council will consider the individual application prior to a licence being granted.</p> <p>Therefore, no adverse impact is anticipated.</p>	N/A	N/A
<b>Pay equality for women, and staff with disabilities in our workforce.</b>	<p>The policy has an impact on individuals not groupings and only then if they apply for a licence.</p> <p>The Council will consider the individual application prior to a licence being granted.</p> <p>Therefore, no adverse impact is anticipated.</p>	N/A	N/A
<b>Supporting our workforce through the implementation of Our People Strategy 2020 – 2024</b>	<p>The policy has an impact on individuals not groupings and only then if they apply for a licence.</p> <p>The Council will consider the individual application prior to a licence being granted.</p> <p>Therefore, no adverse impact is anticipated.</p>	N/A	N/A

<p><b>Supporting victims of hate crime so they feel confident to report incidents, and working with, and through our partner organisations to achieve positive outcomes.</b></p>	<p>The policy has an impact on individuals not groupings and only then if they apply for a licence.</p> <p>The Council will consider the individual application prior to a licence being granted.</p> <p>Therefore, no adverse impact is anticipated.</p>	N/A	N/A
<p><b>Plymouth is a city where people from different backgrounds get along well.</b></p>	<p>The policy has an impact on individuals not groupings and only then if they apply for a licence.</p> <p>The Council will consider the individual application prior to a licence being granted.</p> <p>Therefore, no adverse impact is anticipated.</p>	N/A	N/A