

# Licensing Sub Committee



Date of meeting:	08 October 2024
Title of Report:	<b>Animal Licensing Policy Consultation</b>
Lead Member:	Councillor Sally Haydon (Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Libraries, Events, Cemeteries and Crematoria)
Lead Strategic Director:	Ruth Harrell (Director of Public Health)
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Your Reference:	PPS/ Animal Licensing
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

## Purpose of Report

The Council has a legal responsibility for the licensing of several activities relating to the welfare of animals under the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018. To ensure that the licensing regime is clear and consistent, we are proposing the introduction of an Animal Licensing Policy. This will ensure that Plymouth City Council carries out its animal licensing responsibilities in a consistent and fair manner. We are seeking Committee approval to consult with relevant parties on the proposed draft policy.

## Recommendations and Reasons

1. That the Committee approves the request to allow the Public Protection Service to consult the public, current licence holders and other relevant parties on the proposed animal licensing policy for 6 weeks.

*Reason: To ensure that stakeholders and the public have the opportunity to provide input on the proposed animal licensing policy, allowing the Committee to consider feedback before finalising the policy, thereby promoting transparency and public engagement in the decision-making process.*

## Alternative options considered and rejected

1. Alternative options considered and rejected

Do nothing- There is no legal requirement to have an Animal Licensing Policy, however a Policy sets out how the Council will consider certain matters.

## Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

By consulting on the proposed policy, it complies with the Corporate plan of being democratic, transparent and working in co-operation with relevant stakeholders.

## Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

There are no financial implications as there is no cost to uploading a public consultation.

### Financial Risks: see above

There are no financial risks associated with the introduction of a policy

### Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

There are no environmental implications as the consultation will be accessed online

### Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

*\* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.*

No other implications as consultation will be accessed online

### Appendices

*\*Add rows as required to box below*

Ref.	Title of Appendix	Exemption Paragraph Number (if applicable) <i>If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.</i>						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A	Draft Animal Licensing Policy							
B	Animal Licensing Policy Consultation							
C	Equalities Impact Assessment							

### Background papers:

*\*Add rows as required to box below*

Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Dr Ruth Harrell

Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes

Date agreed: 16/08/2024

Cabinet Member approval: *Approved by e-mail by Councillor Haydon*

Date approved: 20/08/2024