

Licensing Committee



Date of meeting:	19 February 2025
Title of Report:	Approval of Animal Licensing Policy
Lead Member:	Councillor Sally Haydon (Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Libraries, Events, Cemeteries & Crematoria)
Lead Strategic Director:	Professor Steve Maddern (Director of Public Health)
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Your Reference:	NHO/ALPOLICY/FEB2025
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, an Animal Licensing Policy has been written. This report considers the responses to the public consultation and recommends adoption of the Animal Licensing Policy on the 1 April 2025.

Recommendations and Reasons

1. That the Licensing Committee approves implementation of the proposed Animal Licensing Policy following the public consultation.

Reason: The proposed animal licensing policy will ensure that Plymouth City Council carries out its animal licensing responsibilities in a consistent and fair manner and to protect the welfare of animals.

Alternative options considered and rejected

1. Alternative options considered and rejected

Do not implement an animal licensing policy. There is no legal requirement to have an animal licensing policy, however a policy sets out how the Council will consider certain matters when determining a licence application.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

N/A

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

No implications identified

Financial Risks

No financial risks have been identified

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

None identified

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.

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A	Briefing report title	x						
B	Equalities Impact Assessment (if applicable)	x						
C	Climate Impact Assessment (if applicable)							

Background papers:

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Professor Steve Maddern

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

Date agreed: 04/02/2025

Cabinet Member approval: approved by Councillor Sally Haydon

Date approved: 04/02/2025