

Extract from Licensing Committee - 14 January 2019

**LC/18-19/26 Animal Welfare Licensing Policy - The Animal Welfare
(Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England)
Regulations 2018**

Before the Committee was a report by the Director for Communities, copies of which had been circulated to all members and a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these Minutes as Item 5. The report before Members sought consideration of the introduction of an Animal Welfare licensing Policy pursuant to legislative requirements.

The Presenting Officer introduced the report to the Committee and set out proposed arrangements including the type of activities that would be covered, how the arrangements were developed and the introduction of a new rating system.

Member questioned officers on funding for enforcement (contained within fees), the scope of the proposed policy and safeguarding issues. Amendments were approved to paragraph 7.3 of the policy with the effect of requiring applicants and licence holders to have safeguarding policies in place (as follows)

‘7.3 To this extent, the Council ~~would expect~~ *requires* applicants and licence holder activities that involve contact with children or young people to:

- Have a written safeguarding policy and provide training for staff; and
- Have an *effective* procedure for vetting staff who have unsupervised contact with young/vulnerable persons.’

Resolved: that the report be recommended to Council as amended.

Link to the report on the website

<https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/media/media.151602.en.pdf>