



# AGENDA

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**Committee - LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**Date & Time - WEDNESDAY, 21ST OCTOBER, 2020 AT 10.00 AM**

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<b>Members:</b> Councillor M. Chapman-Allen (Chairman) Mr K. Martin (Vice-Chairman) Mr T. J. Ashby Mr S Askew Councillor C. Bowes Mr R. F. W. Brame Mr M. P. Brindle Mr T. R. Carter	Mrs V. Dale Mrs S. Dowling Mr R.W. Duffield Cllr T. Kiddell Mrs L.H. Monument Mr P. Morton Miss T. Taylor
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Date: Monday, 12 October 2020



**PART A- ITEMS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

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<b>1. <u>MINUTES</u></b> To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2020.	4 - 6
<b>2. <u>APOLOGIES</u></b> To receive apologies for absence.	
<b>3. <u>URGENT BUSINESS</u></b> To note whether the Chairman proposes to accept any item as urgent business, pursuant to Section 100(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government Act, 1972.	
<b>4. <u>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</u></b> The duties to register, disclose and not to participate for the entire consideration of the matter, in respect of any matter in which a Member has a disclosable pecuniary interest are set out in Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011. Members are also required to withdraw from the meeting room as stated in the Standing Orders of this Council.	
<b>5. <u>NON-MEMBERS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE MEETING</u></b> To note the names of any non-members who wish to address the meeting.	
<b>6. <u>DFT HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE STANDARDS UPDATE</u></b> To receive a verbal update from Josie Hoven, Licensing Team Leader.	
<b>7. <u>GENERAL UPDATE ON LICENSING MATTERS</u></b> To receive a verbal update from Josie Hoven, Licensing Team Leader.	
<b>8. <u>NEXT MEETING</u></b> To note the arrangements for the next meeting on Wednesday, 27 January 2021.	

**BRECKLAND COUNCIL**

**At a Meeting of the**

**LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**Held on Wednesday, 11 March 2020 at 10.00 am in  
Norfolk Room, The Conference Suite, Elizabeth House, Dereham**

**PRESENT**

Mr K. Martin (Vice-Chairman)	Cllr T. Kiddell
Mr R. F. W. Brame	Mrs L.H. Monument
Mr M. P. Brindle	Mr P. Morton
Mrs S. Dowling	Miss T. Taylor

**In Attendance**

Donna Hall	- Licensing & Business Support Manager
Julie Britton	- Democratic Services Officer
Lisa Turner	- Assistant Licensing Officer

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**The Vice-Chairman, Councillor Keith Martin in the Chair**

**9/20 MINUTES (AGENDA ITEM 1)**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2020 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**10/20 APOLOGIES (AGENDA ITEM 2)**

Apologies were received from the Chairman, Councillor Marion Chapman-Allen and Councillors Bowes and Dale.

**11/20 URGENT BUSINESS (AGENDA ITEM 3)**

None.

**12/20 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (AGENDA ITEM 4)**

None.

**13/20 NON-MEMBERS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE MEETING (AGENDA ITEM 5)**

None.

**14/20 ANIMAL WELFARE UPDATE (AGENDA ITEM 6)**

Donna Hall, the Licensing & Business Support Manager provided Members with an update and presentation on animal welfare in respect of Lucy's Law; named after a spaniel called Lucy who was used for breeding on a puppy farm in Wales.

With effect from 6 April 2020, licensed commercial traders would not be

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allowed to sell kittens or puppies as pets if they were less than six months old and had not been bred by the seller.

It would also mean that anyone wanting to buy or adopt one aged under 6 months old would need to deal directly with the breeder or animal rehoming centres.

Additionally, from 6 April 2020 a financial threshold would be introduced to limit the number of puppies/kittens that could be sold each year – the threshold amount was still under discussion. These limitations would hopefully put a stop to irresponsible and exploitive breeding practices.

Councillor Morton asked how the Licensing Team monitored these licensable activities. Members were informed that licensed breeders were already monitored and in respect of Lucy's Law the Team could now enforce and monitor the sale of puppies.

The new law should help to:

- Prevent exploited and mistreated pets (mothers/puppies and kittens)
- Tackle illegal imports
- Reduce the risk of disease
- Encourage licensing and controls
- Promote responsible advertising; and
- Raise public awareness.

It was noted that there was a requirement that the breeders licence number was advertised with the sale of their puppies.

The role of Members was to:

- Report any concerns to the Licensing Team
- Support its communications messages
- Hold Panel meetings in respect of an animal welfare activity or establishment.

Councillor Brame asked if there would be any special Member training requirements required for such Panel meetings. Members were informed that the principles were similar to the Panel meetings already held for taxis and licensed premises. It was more about questioning techniques and if Members felt that they required such training or on any licensing topic the Team would be happy to oblige.

The number of licences currently held by Breckland Council was highlighted; this had been at the request of the Chairman, Councillor Marion Chapman-Allen.

Breckland Council currently licensed:

- 16 dog breeders
- 33 animal boarding kennels
- 6 exhibiting animals ( such as walking alpacas, jousting, falconry etc)

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- 4 hiring of horses
- 14 pet shops

Councillor Moreton felt that the number of dog breeders could increase. The Licensing & Business Support Manager pointed out that such activities would probably increase and would have an impact on resources.

Councillor Kiddell felt that this new legislation could also have an impact on the animal re-homing centres as some breeders might not want so many dogs if a financial threshold was introduced.

In response to questions as to whether Breckland Council would be promoting licensed breeders and animal re-homing centres to prospective purchasers on the website, and if there was a list that the public could access that showed the breeders in Breckland that were licensed, Members were informed that both would be included on the website but education was key and the story behind Lucy's Law would be incorporated.

**15/20 NEXT MEETING (AGENDA ITEM 7)**

The arrangements for the next meeting on Wednesday 15 July 2020 at 10am in the **Anglia Room** were noted.

The meeting closed at 10.30 am

CHAIRMAN