

COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION NOTICE

CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING AND LICENSING SERVICES AND CIRENCESTER CAR  
PARKING PROJECT

4<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019

PL.3 **Review of Animal Licensing Fees**

Summary:

To consider revised fees in relation to Animal Licensing to achieve cost recovery for the Licensing Service.

Consultation:

- (i) Joint Management Team;
- (ii) Finance Business Partner;
- (iii) ERS Team;
- (iv) relevant Cabinet Member.

Considerations Taken into Account:

- (i) Consultation responses;
- (ii) Legislative requirements under The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018.

**Decision:**

**RESOLVED that the proposed revised charges for 2019/20 be approved.**

Reasons for Decision:

The Cabinet Member considered that (i) the current fees and charges were out-of-date and open to challenge, having last been reviewed in 2008; (ii) a number of activities had been brought within the licensing framework; (iii) the recent Regulations had placed an additional burden on the service due to the mandatory inspection work that was now required to promote public safety and animal welfare; and (iv) the new fees reflected the actual cost of running the animal licensing service, i.e. based on cost recovery.

**ACTION BY MICHELLE BIGNELL**

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