

REPORT TITLE: **ANIMAL, BIRD AND FISH WELFARE AT EVENTS ON COUNCIL LAND**

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| Relevant Portfolio Holder | Cllr Peter Whittaker |
| Portfolio Holder Consulted | Yes |
| Relevant Head of Service | John Godwin |
| Wards Affected | All |
| Ward Councillor Consulted | Yes |

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

- 1.1 This report seeks approval and adoption of the Animal, Bird and Fish Welfare at Events on Council Land Policy which underpins the existing control measures and restrictions applied at events on District Council Land.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Cabinet is asked to approve and adopt the Animal, Bird and Fish Welfare at Events on Council Land Policy.

3. KEY ISSUES

Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications contained within this report

Legal Implications

- 3.3 There are no direct legal implications contained in this report however in addition to the current Animal Welfare Act 2006 and Performing Animal Regulation Act 1925, this Policy provides measures that exceeds the standards and guidelines required

Service / Operational Implications

- 3.5 The Council's Arts Events and Museums team manages the hire of Bromsgrove District Council's land and premises for individuals and organisations to run events.
- 3.6 During the Spring of 2016 officers were tasked to produce a policy that oversees how Bromsgrove District Council manages hirers who involve animals birds or fish whilst using Bromsgrove District Council land for those events. The purpose of the policy is to ensure that no animal, fish, or bird involved in an event held on Bromsgrove District Council's land is subjected to any kind of undue suffering and that Bromsgrove District Council promotes acceptable usage of animals, birds or fish for

educational or charitable purposes at events held on Bromsgrove District Council land.

- 3.7 The review of the Policy has been undertaken in conjunction with Councillors Thompson and Cooper who promoted a notice of motion to the Council about this issue in the Spring.
- 3.8 Once the policy has been agreed, as well as updates to the terms and conditions of hire, additional signage will be provided at key areas where events take place to enable compliance to the Policy.
- 3.9 There is a cross departmental process in place to raise awareness of this policy if approved and adopted through the communications team, and in partnership with relevant agencies (eg: WRS, Local forums, Bromsgrove LSP, Bromsgrove Community Safety Partnership)

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.10 There are no direct customer, equality or diversity implications contained within this report.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 There are no direct risks contained within this report.

5. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Draft Animal, Bird and Fish Welfare at Events on Council Land Policy

Appendix 2 – Draft amended Terms and Conditions for Event hire Applications on Council Land

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

N/A

7. KEY

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