
Licensing and Protection Panel

Report of the meetings held on 7th December 2005
and 19th January 2006

Matters for Information

10. DELEGATED POWERS

The Panel has considered the implications of revised regulations on food hygiene and food and feed controls in the light of changes in EU regulations issued by the Food Standards Agency. Under the circumstances, the Head of Environmental Health Services and the Director of Operational Services have been authorised to institute legal proceedings in cases of contravention following consultation with the Chairman or Vice-Chairman and to appoint suitably qualified, experienced and trained Officers to carry out duties and other matters arising from a range of regulations relating to official food and feed controls, products of animal origin (third country imports) and food hygiene.

11. DECLARATION OF CONTAMINATED LAND

The Panel has been acquainted with the findings of a contaminated land survey of the Council's mobile home park at Eynesbury, St Neots. In light of the elevated concentration of compounds on the site the Council, as enforcing authority, has determined the site as "contaminated land". On the basis of the information currently available, the level of contamination on some parts of the site is likely to pose a significant risk of harm to human health over long periods and remediation work is thought to be necessary on 14 out of 50 plots on the park, together with some open space. Residents have been kept fully informed of the situation.

As the land is also in the ownership of the Council, this has been reported to the Cabinet and a consultant is likely to be appointed to advise on the most appropriate remediation method.

12. DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR CONTROL OF DOG BREEDING

The Panel has authorised the Director of Operational Services and the Head of Environmental Health Services to appoint persons to carry out the duties and matters arising under the Breeding and Sale of Dogs (Welfare) Act 1999 and the Breeding of Dogs Acts 1973 and 1991 and after consultation with the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Panel, to revoke licences and institute legal proceedings for contravention of the legislation.

13. FEES AND CHARGES

The Panel has approved an increase in fees for the licences administered by the Licensing Section of the Administration Division by an average of 2.5% for 2006/07 in the case of those charges which the Council has the discretion to set.

14. STREET CONSENTS

The Panel has been informed of redevelopment work due to commence in St Benedict's Court, Huntingdon in April 2006 which will require the removal or relocation of a food vendor to whom a street trading consent has been granted. Members have been acquainted with potential alternative locations for the vendor following consultation with the consent holder and the Council's Project Engineer. Having considered the relevant merits of the sites, the Panel has been informed that inquiries will continue with the owners of St Germain Walk and with the County Council as to the potential designation of St Germain Walk and Chequers Way as consent streets.

15. LICENSING AND PROTECTION APPLICATIONS SUB GROUP

The Panel has received the Minutes of the meetings of the Licensing and Protection Applications Sub Group held on the 9th November and 29th November 2005.

J M Sadler
Chairman