

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE

ZOO LICENSING ACT 1981

APPLICATION FOR A ZOO LICENCE – SHEPHERDS PLACE, AKEFERRY ROAD, GRAIZELOUND, DONCASTER, NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Licensing Committee of an application for a Zoo Licence.
- 1.2 To request that the Licensing Committee determines whether to grant or refuse the application for the Zoo Licence applied for by Mr Keith Phillips of Shepherds Place, shown as Appendix A.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Before granting or refusing a licence for a Zoo, local authorities are required, by section 4 of the Zoo Licensing Act 1981, to consider an inspector's report in reaching a decision on a new licence application.
- 2.2 Where the inspection is prior to a new licence application, section 9A(7) requires the inspector to be nominated by The Secretary of State from her list of inspectors.
- 2.3 In accordance with the provisions of the Zoo Licensing Act 1981 and the council's scheme of delegation, applications for a Zoo Licence where a recommendation to refuse the Licence has been received by The Secretary of States allocated Zoo Inspector, needs to be determined by the Licensing Committee.
- 2.4 On 12 November 2020 an application was received by Mr Keith Phillips for a Zoo Licence, shown as Appendix A.
- 2.5 Prior to an inspection the applicant must fill out a pre-inspection form which is then submitted to the nominated Zoo Vet Inspector, this is shown as Appendix B.
- 2.6 On 24 February 2021 an inspection was carried out by an authorised officer for North Lincolnshire Council and by the nominated Vet Inspector.
- 2.7 The inspector must produce a report following the inspection. This is shown as Appendix C.

- 2.8 In the report, the inspector states the zoo falls so far short that in their opinion it is unlikely to meet the requirements and so cannot recommend a Zoo Licence and recommends refusal.
- 2.9 The Secretary of State would not normally expect a licence to be refused in a situation where adequate standards were not met but where there were reasonable prospects that improvements would take place.
- 2.10 The inspection report took into account the health, safety or welfare of the animals and visitors to the zoo. Consideration was also given to the conservation status of the animals as well as how hazardous they are.
- 2.11 In reaching a decision, account should also be taken of the Zoo Guidance at Appendix D, although it should be noted that each case is treated on its individual merits.

3 OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 The options available to the Licensing Committee when considering such an application:

Option 1 – To grant the licence.

Option 2 – To refuse the licence.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 Option 1 – Where the committee deems the premises have met the conditions and standards for a zoo licence, taking into account the inspectors report.
- 4.3 Option 2 – Should the committee find they are not satisfied that Mr Keith Phillips would be able to meet conditions and standards for a Zoo Licence.

5. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (e.g. LEGAL, HR, PROPERTY, IT, COMMUNICATIONS etc)

- 5.1 There are no resource implications

6. OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS (e.g. CRIME AND DISORDER, EQUALITIES, COUNCIL PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL, RISKS etc)

- 6.1 Not applicable.

7. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

7.1 Not applicable.

8. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

8.1 Consultation was carried out, details of such will be provided at the hearing.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 That the application be determined in accordance with the options outlined at paragraph 3 above, taking into account the information provided.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report: -
Application file- except information protected by the Data Protection Act.