REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Executive Committee 2023

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Report title: Animal, Bird and Fish welfare at events on Council Land

Relevant Portfolio Holder		Councillor Joanne Beecham/		
Portfolio Holder Consulted		Yes		
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Wards Affected		All		
Ward Councillor(s) consulted		N/A		
Relevant Strategic Purpose(s)		Communities which are safe, well		
		maintained and green		
		Improved Health and Wellbeing		
Key Decision / Non-Key Decision:		Non Key Decision		
If you have any questions about this report, please contact the report author in				
advance of the meeting.				

1. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Executive Committee RESOLVE that:-

1) The Animal, Bird and Fish Welfare on Council Land Policy, be approved. See attached Appendix 1.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Following on from a motion at full council on 25 September 2023, this report presents the Animal, Bird and Fish Welfare at Events on Council Land Policy.

3. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

- 3.1 The Council's Leisure and Culture Services manages the hire of Redditch Borough Council's land and premises for individuals and organisations to run events.
- 3.2 Officers were tasked with producing a policy that oversees how Redditch Borough manages hirers who involve animals, birds or fish whilst using Redditch Borough Council land for events. The purpose of the policy is to ensure that no animal, fish, or bird involved in an event

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held on Redditch Borough Council's land is subjected to any kind of undue suffering and that animals, fish or birds are not used as prizes. The policy makes it clear that the council promotes acceptable usage of animals, birds or fish for educational or charitable purposes at events held on Redditch Borough Council land.

3.3 If approved there will be awareness raising in relation to this policy.

The policy will take effect from the day after any resolution to approve the policy by Executive Committee

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no direct financial implications.

5. <u>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</u>

5.1 There are no direct legal implications contained in this report however in addition to the current Animal Welfare Act 2006 and Performing Animal Regulations Act 1925, this Policy provides measures that exceed the standards and guidelines required on council owned land and buildings.

6. OTHER - IMPLICATIONS

Relevant Strategic Purpose

6.1 This policy would contribute to the safety and wellbeing of animals and fish. In addition, members of the public will be prohibited from receiving pets in an unprepared manner. This refers to the council's strategic priorities by communities which are safe, well maintained, and green and improved health and wellbeing.

Climate Change Implications

6.2 The proposed policy does not have any climate change implications.

Equalities and Diversity Implications

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

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

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7.1 There are no direct risks contained within this report.

8. <u>APPENDICES and BACKGROUND PAPERS</u>

Appendix 1: Proposed Policy, Animal, Bird and Fish welfare at events on Council Land

9. REPORT SIGN OFF

Department	Name and Job Title	Date
Portfolio Holder	Councillor Joanne Beecham	Please give the date they signed off the report here.
Lead Director / Head of Service	Ruth Bamford	24/10/23
Financial Services	Peter Carpenter	11/10/23
Legal Services	Claire Green	11.10.23.
Policy Team (if equalities implications apply)	N/A	If applicable, please give the date they signed off the report here.
Climate Change Team (if climate change implications apply)	N/A	If applicable, please give the date they signed off the report here.