

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 4 April 2018

PLEASURE BOATS (REP1868)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This report outlines the response received to the proposal to update the current Waveney District Council Pleasure Boat Licensing Scheme.

Is the report Open or Exempt?	Open
Wards Affected:	All Wards within the District
Cabinet Member:	Councillor Mary Rudd Cabinet Member for Community Health & Safety
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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 A local authority may grant upon such terms and conditions as they think fit licences for pleasure boats and pleasure vehicles to be let for hire or to be used for carrying passengers for hire on inland waterways.
- 1.2 The vessels are licensed under the provisions of the Public Health Amendment Act 1907 as amended by the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.
- 1.3 Waveney District Council may therefore licence pleasure boats operating on inland waterways apart from anything to the west of Mutford Lock Bridge as this comes under the jurisdiction of the Broads Authority.
- 1.4 Sea going vessels are regulated by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA).

2 PROPOSAL

- 2.1 The proposed new policy to regulate pleasure boats was approved for consultation with the trade at the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 7 February 2018.
- 2.2 The proposed policy details are attached as **Appendix A**.
- 2.3 The proposed inspection template (to be completed by a nominated agent) is attached as **Appendix B**.

3 CONSULTATION RESULTS

- 3.1 The two current operators within Waveney district were notified of the proposed changes to policy and asked if they would like to nominate an agent for the yearly inspection.
- 3.2 Both operators have supplied the name of an 'agent' to check the vessels for their annual inspection and both operators understand the new requirement regarding hull surveys.

4 HOW DOES THIS RELATE TO EAST SUFFOLK BUSINESS PLAN?

- 4.1 By supporting new business opportunities in the district, whilst ensuring the safety of the public.

5 FINANCIAL AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None.

6 OTHER KEY ISSUES

- 6.1 The decision affects the entire district.

7 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 Consultation took place with the two current operators between 12 February and 9 March 2018.

8 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 To continue to regulate the pleasure boat trade with the current procedures.

9 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 9.1 To ensure the safety of the public travelling on vessels licensed by Waveney District Council, whilst supporting business opportunities in the region.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Licensing Committee adopts the updated policy to regulate pleasure boats within the Waveney district, outlined in Appendices A and B, for immediate effect.

APPENDICES

Appendix A	Boat licensing scheme proposal.
Appendix B	Annual Inspection template.

BACKGROUND PAPERS - None