

TELFORD AND WREKIN COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE – 2nd DECEMBER 2008

APPROVAL FOR NAPIT ELECTRICAL CERTIFICATION FOR PREMISES WHICH ARE LICENSED

REPORT OF THE REGULATION AND RESILIENCE MANAGER

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1** To obtain Members' approval for National Association for Professional Inspectors and Testers (NAPIT) electrical installation certification for premises which are licensed by Telford & Wrekin Council.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members:

- 2.1.1 Approve the acceptance of NAPIT Certification for premises licensed by Telford & Wrekin Council.
- 2.1.2 Amend the General Animal Boarding condition of licence to the following :

In the case of commercial premises, but not in the case of private dwellings used for the purposes of home boarding, all electrical installations, heating and lighting etc., must be examined annually and certified that they comply with B.S.7671. If Emergency Lighting is fitted it must comply with B.S. 5266. Please note that any Electrical contractor carrying out work in support of the application must be registered with the NICEIC, NAPIT or ECA. If in doubt regarding approved contractors please contact this office.

- 2.1.3 Amend Condition Number 15. of the Council's Pet Shop Licence Conditions to the following :

Pet Shops All electrical installation, heating and lighting etc., must be examined annually and certified that they comply with B.S. 7671. If Emergency Lighting is fitted it must comply with B.S. 5266. Please note that any Electrical contractor carrying out work in support of the application must be registered with the NICEIC, NAPIT or ECA. If in doubt regarding approved contractors please contact this office.

2.1.4 Amend Condition Number 7. of the Council's Dangerous Wild Animal Licence Condition to the following:

In the case of commercial premises, but not in the case of private dwellings used for the purposes of keeping Dangerous Wild Animals, all electrical installations, heating and lighting etc, must be examined annually and certified that they comply with B.S.7671. If Emergency Lighting is fitted it must comply with B.S. 5266. Please note that any Electrical contractor carrying out work in support of the application must be registered with the NICEIC, NAPIT or ECA. If in doubt regarding approved contractors please contact this office.

3. SUMMARY

- 3.1 The Council's current conditions for Animal Licences require electrical contractors to be either NICEIC or ECA registered.
- 3.2 The Council has received a written request from the Chief Executive of NAPIT for NAPIT Members to be accepted by the Council's Licence conditions.

4. PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 4.1 There are no previous minutes.

5. INFORMATION

5.1 Background

- 5.1.1 The Council's current conditions of licence for Animal Boarding Licences, Pet Shop Licences and Dangerous Wild Animal Licences state that electrical inspections must be carried out by either a NICEIC or ECA registered electrical contractors. The conditions are attached at Appendix A.
- 5.1.2 In 2007 and 2008, the Council's Freedom of Information Officer received requests for information from Mr John Andrews, Chief Executive of NAPIT, requesting that the Council accepts NAPIT members as suitable Electrical Contractors to inspect premises which are licensed by Telford & Wrekin Council. The correspondence relating to this Freedom of Information Request is attached at Appendix B.
- 5.1.3 NAPIT was formed in 1992 as the National Association for Professional Inspectors and Testers, with the aim of setting standards for industry. A NAPIT Local Authority Fact Sheet is attached at Appendix C.

5.1.4 For the purposes of Public Liability Insurance, the NICEIC, ECA and NAPIT are all recognised certification bodies for commercial premises.

5.2 Equal Opportunities

5.2.1 This report adheres to the Council's Equality and Diversity Scheme and does not discriminate on the grounds of race, gender, disability, age, religion or belief or sexual orientation.

5.3 Environmental Impact

5.3.1 There is no Environmental Impact.

5.4 Legal Comment

5.4.1 The Council has the authority to specify such conditions as appear to be necessary or expedient to Animal Boarding Licences by virtue of s1(3) of the Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963.

5.4.2 The Council has the authority to specify such conditions as appear to be necessary or expedient to Pet Shop Licences by virtue of s1(3) of the Pet Animals Act 1951.

5.4.3 The Council has the authority to specify conditions to Dangerous Wild Animal Licences by virtue of s1(6) and 1(7) of the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976.

5.4.4 In 2004 NAPIT was approved by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. NICEIC and ECA are also approved bodies.

5.4.5 The use of electrical contractors approved by one of the above bodies would be reasonable to ensure public safety.

5.5 Links with Corporate Priorities

5.5.1 This report has links to a community that feels 'safe and protected'.

5.6 Opportunities and Risks

5.6.1 In proposing this action the Corporate Risk Management Methodology has been complied with. This approach is not intended to eliminate risks but to identify the risks and manage them. However not all risks can be managed all of the time and some risks may not have been identified.

5.6.2 The following key risks and opportunities associated with this action have been identified and assessed and arrangements will be put in place to manage them.

- (i) The Council being unable to successfully defend an Appeal to the Magistrates Court as well as (and after) to the Crown Court and the financial risks of the costs of an Appeal.

5.7 Financial Implications

5.8 There are no financial implications.

6. WARD IMPLICATIONS

6.1.1 This report has implications for all wards in the District.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1.1 Pet Animals Act 1951

7.1.2 Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963

7.1.3 Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976

7.1.4 TWC Conditions of Licence for Animal Boarding Establishments

7.1.5 TWC Conditions of Licence for Pet Shops

7.1.6 TWC Conditions of Licence for Dangerous Wild Animals

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