

CYNGOR SIR CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to: Council

Date of meeting: 14 December 2023

Title: A proposal to implement a ban on giving live animals as prizes on Ceredigion County Council property

Purpose of the report: To provide feedback from the Healthier Communities following its meeting on the 22 November 2023

Background:

Members of the Healthier Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a proposal to implement a ban on giving live animals as prizes on Ceredigion County Council property.

Within Ceredigion County Council, the protection and endorsement of high standards of animal welfare is upmost as part of supporting the farming industry, and to support those who enjoy keeping animals as pets. The authority therefore supports the RSPCA campaign on “giving pets as prizes” by proposing to implement a ban on giving live animals on Ceredigion County Council property.

This report provides the context on the proposed ban of the giving live animals (e.g. Goldfish, etc) as prizes as set out in the Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animal (RSPCA) campaign of 2021.

Ceredigion County Council has an opportunity to ban “pets as prizes” on Council property, thereby serving to raise public awareness of animal welfare surrounding the giving of live animals as prizes. Therefore, in view of the current legislation, the Council can introduce a ban through changing its terms and conditions of the agreements to use Council property. This report is supported by the Corporate Lead Officer for Economy and Regeneration who oversees management of Council land and facilities.

Recommendation(s):

Following discussion, Committee Members recommend that Council:

- approve an outright ban on the giving of live animals as prizes, in any form, on Council land.

Reasons for decision:

To maintain high levels of animal welfare throughout Ceredigion County Council through implementing a ban on the practice of giving live animals as prizes on Council land due to the potential distress caused to the animals.

Councillor Caryl Roberts
Chairman of the Healthier Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

