

Appendix 2

Change Table

Policy Section	Suggested Change	Reason for Change
1.0 Scope	Add: and Arachnids	Arachnids added to list of pets that do not require permission
5.1 Request for a pet	Add: If a tenant or leaseholder needs to make alterations to the property or garden to accommodate their pet, for example, a spending pen, they must request permission in accordance with the Alterations and Improvement Policy.	
5.3 Considering the request for a pet	Add: Permission will not be granted for XL Bully dogs, even where the owner has an exemption certificate.	To reflect changes in legislation and Council's approach
5.3 Considering the request for a pet	<p>Delete: Permission will be granted for requests to keep small animals that are housed in cages, bowls or tanks inside the home and do not need to go outside of the property.</p> <p>Add: Permission is not required for requests to keep small animals that are housed in cages, bowls or tanks inside the home and do not need to go outside of the property.</p>	To clarify that permission does not need to be requested and to align with section 1.0 Scope

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5.3 Considering the request for a pet	<p>Delete: Tenants and leaseholders will not be allowed to keep animals of this kind at their properties. Farm birds such as Chickens or Geese will be considered based on the suitability of the property. Cockerels are prohibited.</p> <p>Add: Tenants and leaseholders will not be allowed to keep livestock. The only exception to this is chickens or geese, which will be considered based on the suitability of the property and garden. Cockerels are prohibited.</p>	For clarity, as chickens and geese can be considered as livestock
5.4 Housing Applicants and Pets	<p>Delete: The Council will ensure any offer of accommodation is suitable for the pet.</p> <p>Add: Housing Applicants will be informed if permission will be granted for their pet prior to the offer of tenancy.</p>	Current wording suggests that the Council may make alterations to housing stock to accommodate pets. This is not correct.
5.4 Housing Applicants and Pets	<p>Delete: There is no need for the tenant to request permission in this instance.</p> <p>Add: The request for permission must be made prior to tenancy commencement</p>	Requiring applicants to apply for permission ensures that accurate records are held, and both parties are clear on what has been agreed
5.8 Withdrawing permission	<p>Add: In the case of XL Bully dogs, if the tenant or leaseholder has been granted permission prior to the dog becoming a banned breed then this permission will not be revoked, solely on the basis that</p>	To confirm that permission will not be revoked for XL Bully dogs due to changes in legislation.

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	permission would now not be granted. The owner must supply the Council with a copy of the exemption certificate.	