

## Consultation Responses Cabinet set Fees

Comments 1-3 Below relate to Dog Breeding licence fees. Comment 4 relates to Scrap Metal.

1. The licence fee is far too low. In many cases, that fee is less than 10% of the cost of one puppy. (Comment from a licensed boarder)
2. The increase of vets costs for " licenced breeder" have increased.  
Kennel club  
Health tests etc  
Now licencing.  
However so many " unlicensed allowed to breed. And sell pups cheap with no over heads. Have put experienced respectful breeders out of business.  
I think I speak for all. If everyone had to be licenced. Then yes. Charge respectively per dog. However at the moment we are on the brink of closure.
3. Breeding licence: Compared with the amount of money made from breeding litters, I feel this is just not high enough. We have a bitch and a dog on our books that have been used for breeding and it seems that they are overworked to the extent that it can affect the bitch's health and wellbeing. Raising the licence fee might deter unscrupulous breeders. (Comment from a licensed boarder)
4. The system is extremely flawed. The scrap metal industry is absolutely saturated with people buying box vans (so you can't see what's inside) and collecting scrap on a regular basis, weighing off and cashing cheque payments in Ramsdens. These are unlicensed operators carrying out the business of collecting scrap metal on an organised and regular basis.

There is nothing being done about it by Caerphilly council.

Anyone licensed now has tax conditionality for example however those and there are a very large number of them; who are unlicensed are making a mockery of the system.

The scrap dealers act 2013 that imposes licensing conditions does not prevent metal theft as it was originally designed to do. Because Anyone can weigh in scrap metal at a scrap yard, and anyone is free to open an account with a cheque cashing company.

Before upping your fees, I would take a look on Facebook particularly join some local buy and sell groups and see the number of unlicensed operators that answer to ads for requests of scrap disposal on a regular basis. Also check Ramsdens for their record of how many times they have cashed cheques.

I struggle to put food on the table between everything I pay out for operating as a legitimate business and it is utterly disgusting that you charge more for licensing and do less. I've never know a full blown investigation in to those who are unlicensed being conducted by the Borough.

Kind regards

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