

(d) ZOO LICENSING ACT 1981 - APPLICATION FOR LICENCE - CAMPERDOWN WILDLIFE CENTRE (AN30-2010)

Reference is made to the Zoo Licensing Act 1981, where a licence is required to operate facilities such as Camperdown Wildlife Centre. As part of the licence application procedure, the Zoo Inspectors Report (**APPENDIX 7**), together with an Improvement Plan in response to the licence inspection which was undertaken in October 2009 (**APPENDIX 8**), is attached. In particular, the Committee's attention is drawn to the recommendation by the Inspectors that the licence should be granted with 2 additional conditions outlined by the Inspectors in the report covering the Animal Escape Procedures and guidelines for the hand rearing of animals. Since the date of the report, these actions have been completed.

There were also a number of recommendations contained in the report, although the Inspectors made it clear that these were not being put forward as proposed conditions on the licence and, in response, the Improvement Plan contains the actions planned to be taken forward in the next 3 years. With reference to the preamble to the Inspector's Report, annual inspections will be undertaken.

The Committee is asked to note that the Zoo Inspectors were "very impressed with the breadth and scope of the Centre's present education strategy, which indicates that as a small zoo Camperdown is punching above its weight in the UK zoo field and has great potential to providing an outstanding environmental educational resource to the City of Dundee".

Reference is also made to previous approvals for various works at the Wildlife Centre, including the creation of a Visitor/Education Centre which is currently being developed, together with improvements to the public toilets and general infrastructure of Camperdown Park.