
REVIEW OF STREET TRADING POLICY

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor L Harrison
Portfolio Holder Consulted	No
Relevant Head of Service	Simon Wilkes – Head of Worcestershire Regulatory Services
Wards Affected	All Wards
Ward Councillor Consulted	N/A
Non-Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

- 1.1 Council recently passed a resolution in relation to designating streets for the purpose of controlling street trading in the Borough. This resolution will take effect on 1st September 2024.
- 1.2 The Council's Street Trading Policy needs to be updated in light of the resolution that was recently passed and Members are therefore asked to approve a draft revised Street Trading Policy for the purpose of consultation with relevant stakeholders.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **That Members RESOLVE to approve the draft revised Street Trading Policy at Appendix 1 for the purpose of consultation with relevant stakeholders.**

3. KEY ISSUES

Financial Implications

- 3.1 The costs associated with carrying out the consultation will be met from existing budgets held by Worcestershire Regulatory Services.

Legal Implications

- 3.2 The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 (“the Act”) as amended allows local authorities to adopt provisions concerning the control of street trading. Under the Act there is no legal requirement for the Council to have a policy on how it proposes to control street trading under the Act.
- 3.3 However it is considered best practice for a Council to adopt such a policy to encourage consistency and transparency in the way that its functions are carried out. It is also considered best practise to review any such policy adopted from time to time.

Service / Operational Implications

- 3.4 Council’s usually control street trading so that they can decide where to allow street trading and can properly manage the environmental and safety implications that the street trading creates. Controlling street trading also allows Councils to manage the impact street trading has on the local economy.
- 3.5 The control of street trading can also be of benefit to traders who can obtain greater security over their “pitch” if they are the only person who has the Council’s consent to trade there.
- 3.6 On 29th January 2024, following a recommendation from the Licensing Committee, Redditch Borough Council passed a resolution in relation to the designation of streets for the purposes of controlling street trading. The Council resolved with effect from on 1st September 2024:
- To rescind all existing designations of streets under Schedule 4 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982
 - To designate the following streets as prohibited streets – Alvechurch Highway, Alcester Highway, Bromsgrove Highway, Coventry Highway, Redditch Ringway and Warwick Highway
 - To designate all other streets in the District (as existing at the time of the making of the resolution and in the future) as consent streets.

- 3.7 The Council has previously adopted a Street Trading Policy which took effect on 1st September 2018. Section 2 of this Policy sets out which streets have been designated as consent streets and which have been designated as prohibited streets. Therefore, in light of the resolution passed by Council on 29th January 2024, the Street Trading Policy needs to be updated.
- 3.8 Officers have therefore prepared a draft revised version of the Street Trading Policy, which can be seen at **Appendix 1**.
- 3.9 As well as updating section 2, officers have reviewed other parts of the document and have made suggested amendments which are highlighted in the draft revised version of the Street Trading Policy.
- 3.10 The amendments that have been suggested and the rationale for these amendments is set out in a table at **Appendix 2**.
- 3.11 Before moving forwards to adopting a revised Street Trading Policy, Members are asked to approve the draft revised version of the Street Trading Policy at **Appendix 1** for the purpose of consultation with the public and relevant stakeholders.
- 3.12 The results of the consultation will then be reported back to Members later on in the year for consideration before a revised Street Trading Policy is approved to take effect on 1st September 2024 alongside the resolution made by Council on 29th January 2024.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 None

5. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Draft Revised Street Trading Policy (changes highlighted)

Appendix 2 – Table of Amendments and Rationale

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