

Report of: The Environmental Health Business Manager

To: General Purposes Licensing Committee

Date: 4th January 2007

Item No:

Title of Report : Street Trading – Little Clarendon Street



Summary and Recommendations

Purpose of report: To seek a redesignation of Little Clarendon Street under the City Councils Street Trading Scheme from “Prohibited” to “Consent” Street to allow small fairs and other similar events to take place without contravening the scheme’s requirements.

Key decision: **No**

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Jean Fooks

Deputy Responsibility: N/A

Ward(s) affected:

Report Approved by:

Environmental Health Business Manager – John Copley

Legal Services –

Finance – Andy Collett

Policy Framework:



Recommendation(s):

Licensing Committee is recommended to:-

- a. Consider the merits of redesignating Little Clarendon Street for the purposes of the Street Trading Scheme, and if minded so to do,
Authorise the Environmental Health Business Manager to carry out the required consultation prior to the Council making a formal resolution in favour of a redesignation.



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Current Position

Little Clarendon St is currently designated as a “Prohibited Street” for the purposes of the City Council’s Street Trading Scheme.

The Prohibited Street designation effectively prohibits any street trading in these streets with a few specific exemptions:-

- Trading as a Pedlar
- Trading in a market or fair, the right to hold such event having been obtained by grant, enactment or order
- Trading at or adjoining a shop premises as part of the business of the shop
- Trading as a roundsman
- Trading as a news vendor

The Area Co-ordinator has received requests from businesses on Little Clarendon St to run fairs and other similar events on an occasional basis. Currently, such events would contravene the Street Trading Scheme.

Proposed Way Forward

A change in designation of Little Clarendon Street to a “Consent” rather than a “Prohibited” street would enable the Council to grant a consent to the event organisers for the day of the event (as is the case with the continental markets in Broad Street).

The procedure to be followed before the Council can formally redesignate Little Clarendon Street is as follows:-

The publication of a notice of intention to pass a resolution redesignating Little Clarendon Street. The notice must be published in a local newspaper and copies served on the Chief Officer of Police and on the County Council as Highway Authority.

A period of 28 days must elapse from the time of the initial publication of the notice to the time when the Council passes the resolution confirming the proposed redesignation. This is to allow objections to be made, which must be considered before a resolution is passed.

Once the resolution is passed, the Council must publish notice of the fact on 2 consecutive weeks in a local newspaper. The first publication date must be no later than 28 days before the date specified in the resolution as the date on which the redesignation comes into force.

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Background papers: None

