

**To:** General Purposes Licensing Committee

**Date:** 18 September 2019

**Report of:** Head of Regulatory Services and Community Safety

**Title of Report:** Review of the Street Trading Policy 2019 and Policy Consultation Responses

## Summary and Recommendations

**Purpose of report:** To report to Committee on the responses to the public consultation on the Street Trading Policy review 2019. To seek Committee's agreement to the revised Street Trading Policy and recommend the revised Policy to Council.

### **Report Approved by:**

**Finance:** Barbara Smolonska

**Legal:** Daniel Smith

**Policy Framework:** A vibrant and sustainable economy

**Recommendations:** That the Committee:

1. **Approves** the revised Street Trading Policy 2019; and
2. **Recommends** to Council the adoption of the Street Trading Policy 2019

## **Appendices**

Appendix A – Copy of responses to the consultation

Appendix B – Copy of the proposed Street Trading Policy 2019

## **Introduction**

1. The current Street Trading Policy was approved by General Purposes Licensing Committee at its meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2014 and adopted by Council on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015. At its meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015 Council delegated subsequent revisions of the Policy to the General Purposes Licensing Committee.
2. At its meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019, General Purposes Licensing Committee received a report on the revised Street Trading Policy 2019. Committee resolved to carry out public consultation on the revised

Street Trading Policy. This report summarises the responses to the consultation and gives comments from officers.

### **Consultation**

3. The Council has completed a six week consultation on the review of its Street Trading Policy and General Conditions. The consultees included the following:
  - Thames Valley Policy
  - Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue
  - Oxfordshire County Council Highways
  - Oxford City Centre Manager
  - All current Consent holders
  - The general public
  - Relevant departments within Oxford City Council
4. 7 people responded to the consultation document. The responses were generally positive and in support of all proposed changes.
5. Copies of the comments received are provided at Appendix A.
6. A copy of the proposed Street Trading Policy and conditions is provided in Appendix B.
7. Members are asked to review the comments made during the consultation period and consider any additional amendments to the policy.

### **Legal Implications**

8. The power to regulate street trading is contained in Schedule 4 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982. There is no legal requirement for a district council to set any policy on Street Trading. However, authorities may if they wish decide to set policies in order to guide applicants and assist with consistent decision making. Policies may guide but not bind the authority.

### **Financial Implications**

9. There are no financial implications attached to this report.

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