

To: General Purposes Licensing Committee
Date: 26 September 2022
Report of: Head of Regulatory Services and Community Safety
Title of Report: Miscellaneous Licensing Update Report

Summary and recommendations	
Purpose of report:	To update the Committee on several matters within the Miscellaneous Licensing function relevant to delegated responsibilities
Corporate Priority	Enable an inclusive economy and Support Thriving Communities
Policy Framework	Council Strategy 2020-24
Recommendation(s): That the General Purposes Licensing Committee resolves to:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Note the current position and planned officer actions regarding the matters within this report Note and endorse the proposed Street Trading Policy Review 2022-3 timeline, including the proposal that an extraordinary meeting of the General Purposes Licensing Committee be scheduled to align with the proposed review timeline set out in this report. 	

- This report is intended to inform the General Purposes Licensing Committee about progress with and plans regarding some key topics within the remit of “Miscellaneous Licensing” functions.

Street Trading Policy Review Programme 2022-23

- The current Street Trading Policy 2020 (“The Policy”) came into force in May 2020 following review of the 2015 Policy and a consultation process. The Policy contains a commitment to review every 3 years.
- Officers consider that The Policy overall is fit for purpose but that improvements should be considered, to include:
 - Updating references made to related documents
 - Correcting errors or inconsistencies
 - Improving clarity
 - Incorporating changes to other related regimes, policies and procedures

- Responding to comments from current Street Trading Consent holders, Consent process consultees and other stakeholders.
5. Officers have begun work to address review tasks and are devising a detailed review programme. This would include consideration by the Committee of a pre-consultation version of the revised Policy. It is proposed that consideration of a pre-consultation version of the Policy would require an extraordinary meeting of the General Purposes Licensing Committee during October/November 2022.
 6. The proposed timeline for the Street Trading Policy Review is set out below:

Monday 26 September 2022	Report to General Purposes Licensing Committee setting out proposed timeline for review of the Street Trading Policy
October/ November 2022 - tbc	Proposed extraordinary meeting of General Purposes Licensing Committee for consideration of pre-consultation draft Street Trading Policy
December 2022 – January 2023	Public consultation on revised Street Trading Policy
Monday 06 February 2023	Consultation responses and proposed final version of revised Street Trading Policy considered by General Purposes Licensing Committee. Recommendation that the Committee recommends the Policy to Council for adoption.
Monday 20 March 2023	Council meeting

New Pavement Licensing provisions

6. On the 22 July 2022 the Government brought in Regulations to extend the period during which the so called Fast Track Pavement Licence provisions continue to apply until 30 September 2023. The new Regulations apply to applications made on or after the 22 July 2022, with existing Pavement Licences expiring on the 30 September 2022. Operators will therefore need to make an application in good time to continue to benefit from the provisions.
7. These Regulations are a temporary measure to allow operators to continue to benefit from the Fast Track Pavement Licence regime, pending the provisions in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill proceeding through Parliament. The Bill proposes that the Fast Track Pavement Licence regime is made permanent, subject to certain changes, for example to application fees, the consultation period and the longevity of pavement licences.
8. At the time of writing Officers anticipate around 80-90 applications by 30 September. Members may wish to note that as these provisions initiated a new burden on local authorities Government has applied a new burdens doctrine and awarded Grant funding. A Section 30 Grant of £5063 has been paid to the

Council and is being used to support the Pavement Licensing function and other services impacted by its operation.

Legal issues

- 7. The Street Trading Policy Review brings an opportunity to check on current legislation and best practice and ensure that the Council meet legal requirements.

Finance Issues

- 8. The New Burden Section 30 Grant will help to offset increased workload pressures if used to bring in temporary staff resource at no net cost to the Council.

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