

WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

TO: DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - 19 JULY 1999

SUBJECT: STREET TRADING

FROM: MEMBERS' SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1_ To obtain authority to allow street trading in a prohibited street whilst the street is closed to traffic.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The Council, through this committee, have designated a number of streets in Leamington as prohibited streets (where street trading is prohibited) and consent streets (where street trading is only allowed with the consent of the Council).

2.2 Prohibited streets were designated as such as it was felt that street trading would be inappropriate in them because of the width of the road, parking restrictions, or volume of traffic.

3. CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 At its last meeting the Leisure Committee agreed to a French Market being held in Regent Street in October 1999. The road will be closed to traffic under the provisions of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847.

3.2 Members of this Committee were informed of the Leisure Committee's proposal in a report which was circulated with the last agenda.

3.3 Regent Street is a prohibited street. The considerations which were taken into account when it was designated as a prohibited street will not, of course, apply if the road is closed to traffic.

3.4 In the circumstances the Committee is asked to authorise street trading in this street during the period it is closed to traffic.

3.5 It is likely that in future other prohibited streets will be closed to traffic and street trading will take place.

4. KEY ISSUES STRATEGY

4.1 The decision would facilitate the ongoing work of the Town Centre Manager which fulfils the Council's Corporate Strategy, and Economic Development Key Issues Strategy Policy ED1.

5. **DECISIONS REQUIRED**

5.1 Members are asked to consider authorising street trading taking place in Regent Street during October 1999 whilst the street is closed to traffic.

5.2 Members are also asked to consider delegating authority to the Head of Members' Services in consultation with the Group Spokespersons to authorise trading in prohibited streets in future if they are closed to traffic.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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