

Summary of changes

Applications

The proposed policy includes timescales for both the application and consultation periods. In practice neither of these has been altered, however, the document formalises and clarifies the current practice. There is also an additional requirement for applicants to produce their stall/barrow/vehicle for inspection by a duly authorised officer if there are any concerns raised regarding suitability or condition during the application process.

Street Trading Consent Conditions

Additional conditions have been included to bring WDC in line with neighbouring councils and national 'good practice' standards. Some existing conditions have been rewritten to improve clarity and understanding.

Additional conditions include:

- an item to ensure that Touring consent holders are not acting as Static 'pitches' without the appropriate consultation process
- the ability to update or 'transfer' a consent between individuals
- clarification of the status of 'employees' within the street trading business
- the requirement for all street traders and their employees to provide a DBS certificate with all applications
- the introduction of a minimum distance from school and nursery sites
- the introduction of 'presentation standards' for vehicles/trailers/stalls
- additional requirements for food business operators to ensure compliance with food safety legislation
- additional requirement for all food business operators to hold a current CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety Certificate, or suitable equivalent
- additional requirement for all food handlers to have received suitable hygiene training

Consent Period

The proposed policy includes the introduction of single day trading consents and group/special event consents. This would allow more flexibility to small traders/charity groups etc. that wish to hold street collections and sell small items at the same time.

Fees

The proposed policy would introduce new types of consent, the ability to transfer a consent and the ability to vary an existing consent all of which would need to have an appropriate fee calculated and agreed.

Suitability of the Applicant

The proposed policy would extend the current requirement for Touring consent applicants to provide a current DBS certificate to include all Static and Touring consent applicants and all employees. This would not be required for temporary traders.

Permitted Trading Hours

The proposed policy would extend the current permitted trading hours from 08.00 am by two hours to permit trading between 06:00 and 18:00.