

		<b>Regulatory Committee</b>  <b>17<sup>th</sup> December 2012</b>	<b>Agenda Item No.</b>
<b>Title</b>		Busking	
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<b>Service Area</b>		Community Protection	
<b>Wards of the District directly affected</b>		None	
<b>Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006</b>		<b>No</b>	
<b>Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number</b>		N/A	
<b>Background Papers</b>		None	

<b>Contrary to the policy framework:</b>	No
<b>Contrary to the budgetary framework:</b>	No
<b>Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)</b>	No

<b>Officer/Councillor Approval</b>		
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<b>Officer Approval</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
Relevant Director	28/11/2012	Roger Jewsbury
Chief Executive		
CMT		
Section 151 Officer		
Legal		
Finance		
Portfolio Holder(s)	28/11/2012	Councillor Coker
<b>Consultation Undertaken</b>		
None		
<b>Final Decision?</b>		Yes
<b>Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)</b>		

## 1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 Busking is currently not licensed by Warwick District Council.

## 2. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That members note the content of this report and:
- Adopt the proposed Busking Licence and Conditions; and
  - Require any buskers that wish to operate within Warwick District to obtain a Busking Licence and conform to all of the conditions attached to it.

## 3. **REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 Currently, Warwick District Council does not licence buskers, but has a voluntary code of practice that should be followed by anyone busking within the District. This code appears on the council's website and is attached to this report as **Appendix 1**.
- 3.2 As the code of practice is voluntary only, it is fairly toothless. Police and WDC officers are being called out on a regular basis to try to move on 'buskers' who are clearly not complying with the voluntary code.
- 3.3 In order to mitigate the problems that are arising, both police and WDC officers feel that a better approach would be to issue a licence to suitable applicants and ensure that, by setting sensible licensing conditions, the rights of residents and local businesses are preserved, whilst still permitting some higher quality, controlled entertainment within the district. A suggested application form and conditions for busking is attached as **Appendix 2**.

## **ALTERNATIVE OPTION CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 To leave the voluntary code of conduct for buskers as the only control of entertainment within the District.

## 5. **BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK**

- 5.1 This report has no budgetary considerations for the Council.

## 6. **POLICY FRAMEWORK**

- 6.1 None

## 7. **BACKGROUND**

- 7.1 None.