

 Licensing and Regulatory Committee September 2016		Agenda Item No. 3
Title	Review of Street Trading Policy.	
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Wards of the District directly affected	All	
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Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number	Licensing and Regulatory Committee meeting 31 st May 2016 (Item 9)	
Background Papers		

Contrary to the policy framework:	Yes/No
Contrary to the budgetary framework:	Yes/No
Key Decision?	Yes/No
Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)	Yes/No
Equality Impact Assessment Undertaken	Yes/No (If No state why below)

Officer/Councillor Approval		
Officer Approval	Date	Name
Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive	08.09.16	Andrew Jones
Head of Service	08.09.16	Marianne Rolfe
CMT		
Section 151 Officer		
Monitoring Officer		
Finance		
Portfolio Holder(s)	08.09.16	Moria Ann Grainger
Warwickshire Legal Service		
Consultation & Community Engagement		
Final Decision?	No	
Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)		

1. **Summary**

- 1.1 To present results of the public consultation on the reviewed drafted policy document applicable to all Street Traders.

2. **Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the committee provides comments on the proposed policy (Appendix 1).
- 2.2 That the committee reviews and notes any comments received during the consultation period (Appendix 3).
- 2.3 That the committee recommends the proposed policy to the Executive Committee for adoption.

3. **Reasons for the Recommendation**

- 3.1 Over the last two years officers have been undertaking a review of the policy associated with the licensing of Street Trading. Officers have considered local and national examples of best practice in establishing where improvements in the policy can be made.

4. **Policy Framework**

- 4.1 **Fit for the Future** – Street traders add to the vibrant mix of amenities within the District. The proposed changes to the policy will ensure that we are better able to meet the needs of individual traders and those who live and work within or visit our district. The changes to the policy will clarify regulatory matters and simplify decision making processes for staff and applicants. The introduction of day trading consents will enable individuals to add to the local economy and the vibrancy of local events.

5. **Budgetary Framework**

- 5.1 It is possible that additional revenue could be generated by the introduction of day trading permits. It is also anticipated that the requirement of each vehicle within the district to be licenced separately will generate additional income. A fee would need to be determined and agreed by the Council for the introduction of the policy for day trading. However, as the Council is not able to make a surplus on such activities, there will be no material impact on the Council's finances.

6. **Risks**

- 6.1 Current permit holders may consider the policy as an unnecessary burden and may refuse to permit individual vehicles. This would increase the risk of unlicensed vehicles being operated within the District.
- 6.2 Currently permit holders for Touring vehicles are required to provide a Basic Criminal Records Bureau certificate with their application. Therefore this would mean that the traders operating without a permit would also be operating without the benefit of a current DBS check.

7. Alternative Option(s) considered

- 7.1 The current policy remains in place without amendment or alteration. However, it is considered that the proposed document is reflective of best practice and would increase competitive trade at short events, increase income and raise the standards required of street traders within Warwick District Council.