

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Licensing Committee
<b>DATE:</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> December 2016
<b>LEAD OFFICER:</b>	Head of Planning and Public Protection
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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Review of Street Trading Policy

## **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform Members of the progress with regard to a proposed review of the current street trading policy within Denbighshire.

## **2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 2.1 To seek the views of Members on a further draft of the policy and seek approval to consult on the final draft.

## **3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 In 2015, Members resolved to authorise officers to review the existing street trading regime in order to address difficulties with the regime and suggest improvements to better regulate and support street trading within the County.
- 3.2 At their last Meeting in September 2016, Members had the opportunity to consider an initial draft policy and discussed various options to be incorporated within any future draft.
- 3.3 It was agreed that the revised policy should include a system of “temporary block” consents or “special event” consents for use at community events to simplify the process and encourage attendance.
- 3.4 Reference to these events has been made at Paragraph 7 of the attached draft policy, however it is envisaged that final guidelines relating to such events will be determined once consultations with Town Councils has been completed.
- 3.5 Reference was also made to the existing system of prohibited streets for street trading purposes in Rhyl and Prestatyn and officers confirmed that part of the review would include whether any change to the current system of prohibited and consent streets would be appropriate

## **4.0 OFFICERS COMMENTS**

- 4.1 When considering the current system of prohibited and consent streets, it has become apparent that further in-depth consultations need to be carried out with both Town & Community Councils and relevant sections within the Council.
- 4.1.2 This would enable Officers to establish a list of approved sites, taking into consideration whether, for instance, there are any particular areas that Town Councils do not wish to be used to accommodate Street Trading on a regular basis. Similarly, there may be technical reasons such as planning controls or traffic orders that restrict trading.
- 4.1.3 Officers would therefore request that Members afford them the opportunity to carry out the work outlined above before putting the policy out to public consultation.
- 4.2 Members may recall that officers also intend to revise the current scale of fees for Street Trading; currently, prospective traders may apply for Consents for up to 1 year .
- 4.3 Along with a final draft of the policy, Officers intend to present Members with a fully revised fee schedule at their next Meeting.
- 4.4 In order to ensure that fees are waived at special events appropriately, Section 7.0 of the attached revised policy specifies that traders attending community events for commercial gain will be subject to a street trading fee. However, there will be scope for the fees at some small community events or those being held for charitable causes to be waived.

## **5.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 5.1 That Members consider the contents of this report and authorise Officers to continue work on the draft Street Trading Policy by working with both Town and Community Councils and relevant sections within the Council to establish their views before undertaking a wider public consultation.