

REPORT TO:	Licensing Committee
DATE:	20 th September 2017
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SUBJECT:	Review of Street Trading Policy

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

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

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 Work has been ongoing in drafting Street Trading Policy and officers are seeking Members' views on further engagement to develop a policy which is fit for purpose for all who may be affected

3. POWER TO MAKE THE DECISION

- 3.1 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 Part III, Schedule 4, Street Trading.

4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 4.1 In 2015, Members authorised officers to review the street trading approval procedures in order to address difficulties with the current regulations and suggest improvements to better regulate and support street trading within the County.
- 4.2 A draft policy was considered by the Licensing Committee in December 2016 and it was agreed that an initial consultation be undertaken with City, Town and Community Councils, along with internal Council departments
- 4.3 Comments from that initial consultation were incorporated into a draft Street Trading Policy which went for public consultation. No comments were received.

- 4.4 At their last meeting on 28th June, Members suggested that as the public consultation period hadn't finished officers should consider any comments received and incorporate them into a further draft for consideration at a future Licensing Committee.
- 4.5 As mentioned above the public consultation did not provide any responses. However, officers have had the opportunity to listen to feedback from other individuals and teams from within the Council, including Members, and have concluded that further work is required before a Street Trading Policy which is fit for purpose can be presented to this Committee for consideration.
- 4.6 Officers are proposing that further discussions take place to better understand the needs of those who may be affected by the policy, notably local "fixed" traders, street traders, communities and the wider Council teams, e.g. Planning, Highways and Environmental Services. To assist officers through this process officers have contacted business and communication experts from within the Council. Feedback following this engagement will enable officers to draft a policy which has been subject to a thorough engagement and consultation process.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 Members authorise officers to continue work on a draft street trading policy and engage with relevant groups and individuals to develop such a draft policy for presentation at a future Licensing Committee.