

REPORT TO:	Licensing Committee
DATE:	8th March 2018
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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 respect of drafting a Street Trading Policy and officers wish to update Members on recent progress.

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 following which, an initial consultation was 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 was submitted for public consultation. No comments were received.

- 4.4 At their meeting on 20th September 2017, Members were informed that whilst the public consultation did not result in any responses, feedback from other individuals and teams from within the Council indicated that further consideration needed to be given to the policy.
- 4.5 Members therefore gave their approval for officers to engage with colleagues in the Business and Communications team to advise on the best way of reaching out to 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.
- 4.6 Various meetings have taken place to devise an initial strategy using social media and face to face questionnaires, along with the Council’s website to contact and invite feedback from key members of the community. This should then enable us 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 with relevant groups and individuals and present a draft policy for presentation at a future Licensing Committee.