

Extract from the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Committee, held on  
2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014

L.10 STREET TRADING POLICY

The Committee was requested to consider making a recommendation to the Council in respect of a Street Trading Policy.

The Chairman explained that he and the relevant Officers would meet to ensure that any spelling and typographical errors in the draft Policy were corrected prior to its presentation to the Council.

A number of minor amendments were AGREED.

The Committee was also requested to consider a change of policy in respect of sub-letting Street Trading Consent locations or pitches. Stow Town Council, with the support of Tetbury Town Council, had requested that Town and Parish Councils be allowed to sub-let, subject to ensuring that sub-lessees complied with this Council's conditions.

In the ensuing debate, the Committee considered and rejected that request, inasmuch as it would allow for 'blanket' sub-letting by all Town and Parish Councils. It was considered appropriate for this Council to retain direct control over Street Trading. However, it was acknowledged that some Town Councils in the District had Charter Market rights and successfully managed Street Trading in their respective areas, outside the control of this Council, and the majority view was that the Council should be supportive of its Towns and Parishes and their desire to support local businesses.

It was AGREED that Standard Condition 21 be amended by the addition of the words "... unless agreed by the Council" as this made clear that, while unauthorised sub-letting remained prohibited, the Council would consider specific applications requesting that the Consent holders be allowed to sub-let.

It was also AGREED that the proposed wording for section 14.2 of the Policy ("The sub-letting of a Street Trading Consent location or pitch is prohibited") should be deleted and replaced with the following wording: "Whilst the sub-letting of a Street Trading Consent location or pitch will ordinarily be prohibited, the Council may permit sub-letting in the case of a Consent granted to a Town or Parish Council where it is satisfied that the Town or Parish Council has, or will put in place, satisfactory measures to ensure that any individual/organisation to whom they sub-let will comply fully with the conditions subject to which the Town or Parish Council's Consent was granted."

**RECOMMENDED that, subject to the incorporation of the amendments outlined above, the Street Trading Policy be adopted.**

**Record of Voting - for 11, against 0, abstentions 2, absent 2.**

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