



Council name	COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL
Name and date of Committee	PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE – 10 MARCH 2021
Report Number	AGENDA ITEM 7
Subject	AMENDMENT TO COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL'S STREET TRADING POLICY
Wards affected	ALL
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Summary	To request that the Planning and Licensing Committee amend the annual renewal date for Street Trading Consents
Annexes	Annex A – Copy of Cotswold District Council's current Street Trading Policy
Recommendation	<i>That the Committee amends the current renewal date from 1 April to 31 March to a period of 12 months from the date the Street Trading Consent is issued.</i>
Corporate priorities	Ensure that services delivered by the Council are delivered to the highest standard
Key Decision	NO
Exempt	NO
Consultees/ Consultation	None

I. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. The powers to control street trading within the Council's area are contained in Schedule 4 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, 'the Act', which has been adopted by the Council. Under Schedule 4 of the 'Act' the Council can manage street trading by designating streets as 'consent streets', 'licence streets' or 'prohibited streets'. The Council has adopted powers in the 'Act' to regulate street trading through a Street Trading Consent (STC) scheme.
- 1.2. Cotswold District Council's Street Trading Policy (attached at **Annex A**) outlines the Council's approach to licensing of street trading in Cotswold district and was adopted by the Committee in December 2014.
- 1.3. The 'Act' states that 'a street trading consent may be granted for any period not exceeding 12 months'.
- 1.4. Annual STC's in the Cotswold District are currently issued from 1 April to 31 March each year. There are also other options such as day consents.

2. MAIN POINTS

- 2.1. During the pandemic, the Council has seen an increase in the amount of applications for STC's and has risen by approximately 20%. This is due to businesses becoming more innovative and individuals who have been left with no option but to look for alternative employment.
- 2.2. Due to the annual policy date, the STC's have been issued pro-rata until the end of the year (31 March).
- 2.3. Each year, the licensing team faces a 'bulk' in work during late February/March due to the renewal date for STC's and a historic workload in other areas of licensing (e.g. taxi renewals).
- 2.4. To enable businesses to trade for a full year and to stagger the workload within the team it is proposed to remove the 1 April to 31 March period from the policy and permit STC's to be issued for 12 months from date of grant.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1. There are no financial implications.
- 3.2. The financial benefit is that there will be a full year's income received rather than a pro-rata amount.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. There are no implications.
- 4.2. STC's will not be issued for any longer than the 12-month period specified in the 'Act'.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

No alternative options are proposed.

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