

Licensing & Safety Committee - 12th June, 2014

Report of the Director of Corporate Resources

Review of Street Trading Consent/Prohibited Streets

Dudley Town Centre

Purpose of Report

- 1 To consider the application on behalf of Phil Coyne, Assistant Director, Economic Regeneration, for the revision of the consent/prohibited streets in Dudley Borough to include Castle Street, New Street, Union Street and Junction of Stone Street/High Street, Dudley as consent streets in respect of Street Trading.

Background

2. On the 6th May 2014, The Assistant Director, Economic Regeneration, made application for the revision of the consent streets in Dudley Borough to include Castle Street, New Street, Union Street and Junction of Stone Street/High Street, Dudley which are currently prohibited streets for the purpose of street trading, to become consent streets to enable the current street traders that trade within High Street, Dudley to be relocated whilst works are being undertaken due to the regeneration of Dudley Market Place.
3. This application was circulated to the Directorate of the Urban Environment; Democratic Services; Commercial Operations Manager, Corporate Estates, the West Midlands Police and interested parties.
4. None of the agencies or interested parties raised objections.
5. A copy of the current list of Consent/Prohibited Streets is attached to this report as Appendix 1.
6. This application has a direct link to the Council's key corporate priority that safety matters.

Finance

7. There are no financial implications.

Law

8. Under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, The Council may pass a resolution which will designate any street within their District as:-
 - (1) a prohibited street;
 - (2) a licence street; or
 - (3) a consent street,and for the purposes of street trading.
9. Before the Council pass this resolution they must:-
 - (1) Publish a Notice containing a draft of their proposed resolution and invite the public to make written representations to the Council within 28 days of publication of the Notice.
 - (2) Serve a copy of the Notice on the Chief Officer of Police for the area in which the street to be designated is situated.
 - (3) Serve a copy of the Notice on the Environmental Engineering and Transportation Department (Highways Division).
10. As soon as is practicable the Council must consider any representations received in response to the public Notice within the stated 28 days.
11. After consideration of the representations the Council may pass a resolution.
12. Once a resolution has been passed the Council must publish a Notice containing the resolution for two consecutive weeks in a local newspaper. The first publication of this Notice must allow 28 days before the date that the resolution is to come into force.
13. The Council may stipulate that a Street Trading Consent will not be granted to any person who proposes to trade in the street for a number of days in every week less than the number specified in the resolution.
14. Any resolution passed by the Council may be varied or rescinded by following the same procedure as outlined in paragraphs 8 to 13 in this report.

Equality Impact

15. This report takes into account the Council's policy on equal opportunities.

16. There has been no consultation or involvement of children and young people in developing these proposals.

Recommendation

17. That the Committee determine the application for the revision of street trading consent/prohibited streets within the borough of Dudley.



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List of Background Papers