

# <u>Licensing Sub-Committee 4 – 26<sup>th</sup> September 2006</u>

## Report of the Director of Law and Property

## Application for consent to engage in Street Trading

### **Purpose of Report**

1. To consider the application on behalf of Mr Chris New, New Market Solutions, for the grant of a consent to engage in street trading for the Staffordshire Pot Fair to take place in Dudley Town Centre.

### **Background**

- 2. On the 17<sup>th</sup> August 2006, Mr New made application for the grant of a Street Trader's Permit to allow The Staffordshire Pot Fair to operate in Dudley Town Centre, High Street/Market Street on the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2006 until the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2006, to sell china, pottery, figurines, crystalware, kitchenware, garden furniture and outdoor pottery and associated goods and pictures. A copy of the application together with a site plan is attached to this report as appendix 1.
- 3. This application was circulated to the West Midlands Police, Director of the Urban Environment, Dudley Town Centre Manager and Julie Jones, Commiercial Operations Manager, Corporate Estates.
- 4. Julie Jones, Commercial Operations Manager, Corporate Estates made comments which are attached to this report as Appendix 2. None of the other agencies raised objections.
- 5. This report has a direct link to the Council priority for safety as the principal reason for submission is safeguarding the public.

#### **Finance**

6. There are no financial implications.

#### Law

7. The grant of consents to engage in street trading is governed by Part III of Schedule IV to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982. High

Street/Dudley is a consent streets designated as such by a resolution of the Council. To trade without such a consent is an offence.

- 8. Paragraph 7(2) of Schedule IV of the 1982 Act, states that the Council may grant a consent if it thinks fit and, when granting or renewing a consent, the Council may attach such conditions as it considers necessary.
- 9. Paragraph 10 of Schedule IV of the 1982 Act, states that a street trading consent may be granted for one period not exceeding 12 months but may be revoked at any time.
- 10. Where the consent allows the holder to trade from a cart, barrow, or other vehicle, then the consent must specify the location from which the trade/may trade and the times between which or periods for which he may trade.
- 11. There is no right of appeal against the Council's decision to vary a condition upon which a consent is issued, or refusal to grant or renew a street trader's consent.

### **Equality Impact**

- 12. This report takes into account the Council's policy on equal opportunities.
- 13. There has been no consultation or involvement of children and young people in developing these proposals.

## **Recommendations**

14. That the Committee determine Mr New's application for the grant of a street trading consent in Dudley Town Centre.

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**List of Background Papers**