



CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

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TO: Licensing Committee – 25th March 2013.

WARDS: Market ,Castle and Newnham

Approval of Street Trading Fees – 2013/14

1) INTRODUCTION

1.1 On 28th January 2013 Licensing Committee approved for consultation the proposed fees for street trading consents for the year from 1st April 2013. This reports summarises any responses to the consultation for consideration prior to approval of the proposed fees.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 To consider any responses to the consultation and to approve the fees for street trading consents for the year 2013-14.

3. BACKGROUND -

3.1 The report that went to licensing on 28th January set out the proposed fees and considered in detail the legislative guidance on the setting of street trading consent fees, and the particular factors for consideration in Cambridge. This report is attached as **Appendix 1** to this report.

4. CONSULTATIONS

4.1 In determining these street trading charges the Council has consulted with the Cambridge Street Traders Association and published the

consultation on the Council's website. This consultation ran for 6 weeks from 30th January to 13th March 2013. We received positive feedback from the Cambridge Street Traders Association who were happy with the proposed fees. We have received no other responses to the consultation.

5) CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1 The proposed review of consent fees ensures that the deficit carried forward from 2012/13 into 2013/14 is recovered and that the account continues to operate on a cost recovery basis, in line with legislation and the EU Services Directive.
- 5.2 The Council will continue to review the schedule of charges on an annual basis. It is therefore possible that if the number of pitches taken up increases above the assumptions made, that fees could be reduced in subsequent years. Equally if the take up of the new pitches does not match the assumptions made, then fees may have to increase. Ultimately the annual charges will depend on the numbers of pitches available and the uptake of these.
- 5.3 A report to review the street trading consent fees for 2014/15 will come to Licensing Committee in October this year along with a review of all licensing fees. Appropriate consultation on all fees will then be undertaken and a report will then be brought back to licensing in January 2014 to approve these fees.

6) IMPLICATIONS

(a) Financial Implications

The objective of these proposals is to ensure that the street trading function is operated on a cost recovery basis and in line with legislation and the EU Services Directive. As a consequence Street Trading Consents are proposed to be increased by 2% for 2013/14.

(b) Staffing Implications

There are no staffing implications to these proposals.

(c) Equal Opportunities Implications

A full Equalities Impact Assessment on the new Street Trading Policy was undertaken in October 2012 and is available to view on the

council's website. The proposed review of fees is consistent with this policy.

<http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/ccm/content/council-and-democracy/how-the-council-works/council-policies-and-plans/equality-and-diversity/equality-impact-assessments.en>

(d) **Environmental Implications**

There are no environmental implications to these proposals.

(e) **Procurement**

There are no procurement implications to these proposals

(f) **Community Safety**

There are no community safety implications to these proposals.

7) **BACKGROUND PAPERS:** The following are the background papers that were used in the preparation of this report:

Schedule 4 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982

8) **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – The Review of Street Trading Charges report which went to Licensing Committee on 28th January 2013.

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