

LICENSING COMMITTEE
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REVIEW OF PAVEMENT LICENCES IN NEWARK

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To Update Members on the review of Pavement Licences in Newark Town Centre.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 In March 2019 Members considered proposals for a review of pavement licences in Newark.

2.2 It was agreed that the initial piece of work would be to survey all the premises in the town centre that had an outside seating/eating area.

2.3 This survey has now been completed and the results are attached as **Appendix One** (to follow) to this report.

2.5 It was also agreed that a small working group would be established to review the findings and look to establish a consistent approach to the conditions that can be applied to any licences issued.

2.6 Provisional discussions have taken place with the Town Council and it has been agreed to draft some conditions that may be applicable. A draft of these conditions is attached as **Appendix Two** to this report

3.0 Proposals

3.1 It is proposed that a meeting of the Working Group be convened to consider the results of the survey and to consider the draft conditions (subject to any amendment by Members).

3.2 The County Council have an established Pavement Licence regime and it is therefore proposed that the Working Group consider the fee structure and the duration of the current County Council licences and seeks some consistency.

4.0 Equalities Implications

4.1 There are no equalities impacts arising from the contents of this report.

5.0 Financial Implications (FIN19-20/756)

5.1 There are no financial impacts arising from the contents of this report.

6.0 Community Plan – Alignment to Objectives

6.1 ***Objective 2: Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour, and increase feelings of safety in our communities:*** Some outside areas have been the source of anti-social behaviour.

6.2 **Objective 5: Increase visits to Newark and Sherwood and the use of visitor attractions by local residents:** a vibrant town centre with a well-controlled café style culture will increase visitors.

6.3 **Objective 7: Enhance and sustain Newark Town Centre:** reducing anti-social behaviour by controlling and regularising outside eating and drinking areas will enhance the town centre

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS that:

- (a) the results of the survey be noted;
- (b) the draft conditions be reviewed with any suggested amendments being put forward; and
- (c) the role of the Working Group be supported.

Reason for Recommendations

To ensure that any outside drinking/eating areas are suitably controlled

Background Papers

Nil

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