

To: General Purposes Licensing Committee

Date: 27th January 2015 **Item No:**

Report of: Head of Environmental Development

**Title of Report: Review of the Street Trading Policy and Policy
Consultation Responses**

Summary and Recommendations

Purpose of report: To report to Committee on the responses to the public consultation on the Street Trading Policy review 2014. To seek Committee's agreement to the revised Street Trading Policy and to recommend the revised Policy to Council.

Report Approved by:

Finance: Paul Swaffield

Legal: Daniel Smith

**Policy Framework: A vibrant and sustainable economy
Street Trading Policy 2010**

Recommendations:

Committee is recommended to:

i) approve the draft revised Street Trading Policy and recommend it to Council.

Introduction

1. The current Street Trading Policy was approved by the General Purposes Licensing Committee at its meeting on 8th February 2010 and adopted by Council on 19th April 2010. At its meeting on 19th April 2010 Council delegated subsequent revisions of the Policy to the General Purposes Licensing Committee.
2. At its meeting on 10th June 2014, General Purposes Licensing Committee received a report on the Street Trading Policy review 2014. Committee resolved to carry out public consultation on a revised Street Trading Policy. This report summarises the responses to the consultation and gives comments from officers.

Consultation

3. The Council has completed an eight week consultation on the review of its Street Trading Policy and General Conditions. The consultees included the following:
 - Thames Valley Police
 - Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service
 - Oxfordshire County Council Highways
 - Central, South and West Area Committee
 - Oxford City Centre Manager
 - Nightsafe
 - Oxford Covered Market traders
 - Gloucester Green Market traders
 - All current Consent Holders
 - The general public
 - Relevant departments within Oxford City Council

4. 58 people responded to the consultation document. The responses were generally positive and in support of all the proposed changes.

5. Copies of the comments received are provided at Appendix A.

6. A copy of the draft Street Trading Policy and conditions is provided in Appendix B. A copy of the current Street Trading Policy is provided in Appendix C.

7. Members are asked to review the comments made during the consultation period and consider any additional amendments to the policy.

Legal Implications

8. There is no legal requirement for a district council to set any policy on Street Trading. However, authorities may if they wish decide to set policies in order to guide applicants and assist in consistent decision making. Policies may guide but not bind the authority.

Financial Implications

9. There are no financial implications attached to this report.

Recommendations

10. Committee is recommended to:

- i) approve the draft revised Street Trading Policy; and
- ii) recommend the revised Policy to Council .

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Background papers:

Appendix A – Copy of responses to the consultation

Appendix B – Copy of the proposed Street Trading Policy

Appendix C – Copy of the Current Street Trading Policy

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