
APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR STREET TRADING CONSENTS

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report invites Members to delegate the authority to approve unopposed applications for the grant or renewal of Street Trading Consents, to the Corporate Director of Finance and External Services.
- 1.2 The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 allows Local Authorities to control the sale of goods from vehicles, and mobile and fixed stalls in certain "designated" streets by requiring vendors to apply for, and obtain a Street Trading Consent.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Members previously approved a procedure for dealing with opposed and unopposed applications for the grant or renewal of Street Trading Consents (Minute 279/95). According to this procedure, opposed applications are considered by six Members sitting as a Street Trading Panel. The (then) Chief Environmental Officer was given delegated authority to approve the grant or renewal of Street Trading Consents where applications were unopposed.
- 2.2 The above arrangements mirror those established for handling applications for Public Entertainment Licences, and remove the need for a Leisure Sub-Committee, or Street Trading Panel to consider unopposed applications.

3 REVISED ARRANGEMENTS

- 3.1 On the 18th May 2000, Full Council approved the terms of reference of Committees and Sub-Committees (Minute 163/2000).
- 3.2 The terms of reference approved for the Street Trading Panel, were "To determine all applications for street trading consents". Hence the Panel must determine opposed and unopposed applications.
- 3.2 The arrangement whereby the Panel determines unopposed applications would add to the cost of processing them, both financially, and in terms of Officer and Member time. The Panel would have to convene each time an unopposed application was received, and Officers would have to spend additional time preparing applications for, and attending Panel hearings.
- 3.3 To streamline the procedure for dealing with unopposed applications for Street Trading Consent and to bring it line with the arrangements for

dealing with Public Entertainment Licences, Members may wish to delegate the power to determine unopposed applications to the Corporate Director (Finance and External Services)

4 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 An estimated saving of £200 per unopposed application, and Member's time, if delegated authority was given to the Corporate Director (Finance and External Services)

5 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

That authority to approve applications for the grant or renewal of Street Trading Consents, when no objections have been received, be delegated to the Corporate Director (Finance and External Services) (CD(FES))

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