

LICENSING COMMITTEE (NON LICENSING ACT 2003 FUNCTIONS)

Agenda Item 11

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	Designation of new consent street		
Date of Meeting:	27 June 2013		
Report of:	Head of Planning and Public Protection		
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Ward(s) affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 Brighton & Hove City Council's street trading policy was introduced on 2 April 1998 and on 26 November 2009, a revised street trading policy was adopted.
- 1.2 At licensing committee on 23 June 2011 that policy was confirmed by committee as being current with the addition of guidelines for relevant convictions and further issue zone B trading consents.
- 1.3 Officers have received a request for a farmers market in central Brighton from a Ward Councillor and market organisers that would not be accommodated within current policy.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the committee authorises the Head of Planning and Public Protection to publish notice of the council's intention to resolve to designate Memorial Way in the Old Steine as a consent street (see map at appendix D – area outlined in red); such notice to be published in the local newspaper and served on the Chief Officer of Police and Highway Authority to request necessary consent.
- 2.2 That the Head of Planning and Public Protection report any representations arising to the next meeting of the Licensing Committee.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 In order to facilitate a market on a temporary basis, trial period, officers from the council's Highways team have made a sealed order for the road closures for the trial period which runs until 15 March 2014 (Appendix A). A bus lane in Valley Gardens was named specifically to allow this activity.
- 3.2 The first of these trial farmers markets took place on Saturday 20 April 2013.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Finance and legal services. Designation of a street requires engagement with Sussex Police and officers acting as Highway Authority.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 The cost of the publishing the notice will be met from within existing licensing budgets.

Finance Officer Consulted: Jeff Coates Date: 16/05/13

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 Schedule 4 paragraph 2 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 sets out the procedure for designation of streets. The Council must consider any representations received relating to the proposed resolution.

Lawyer Consulted: Rebecca Sidell Date: 14/05/13

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 Farmers markets may encourage availability of nutritious food economically.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 Farmers markets promote locally sourced sustainable food produce reducing 'food miles' (distance food transported from production point).

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 There are no direct crime and disorder implications.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 The farmers market is expected to run on the third Saturday of the month alongside the war memorial.

Public Health Implications:

- 5.7 The Council's healthy weight programme board seeks ways to transform the environment to promote healthy eating. Farmers markets are a recognised way to increase availability of fresh, quality food.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.8 Food enthusiasts across Sussex may have another major farmers market to buy from. A market of locally accessible food may assist reinvigoration of the high street experience.

6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

6.1 No other sites have been identified as suitable for this market.

7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 The council has worked with partners to launch a new market.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Appendix A – sealed order for the road closures for the trial period.
2. Appendix B – current street trading policy.
3. Appendix C – Street trading consent fees
4. Appendix D - Map showing Memorial Way, Old Steine.

Documents in Members' Rooms

1. None.

Background Documents

1. None.

